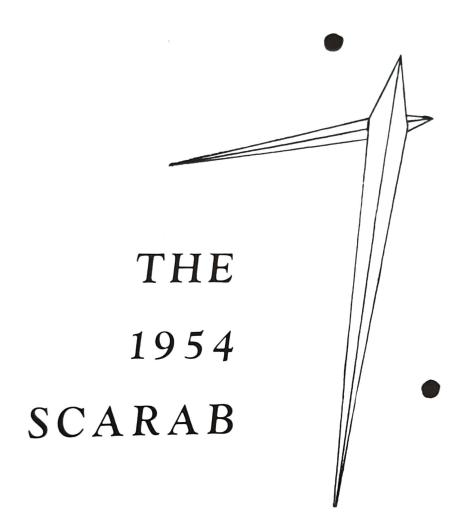


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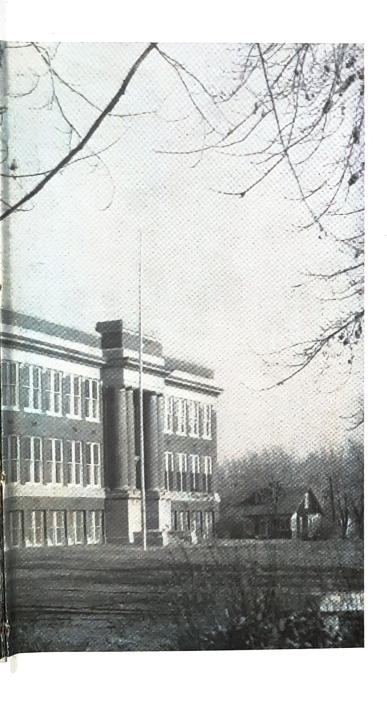
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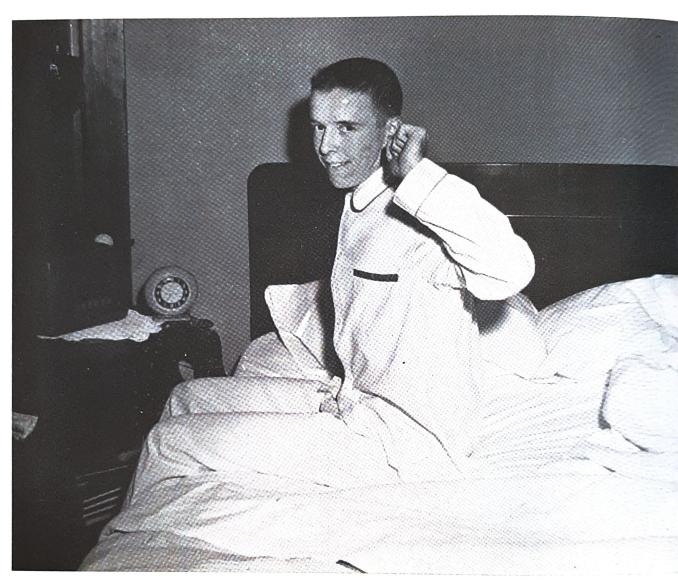


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# in One Day at Benton



# Our day begins



"Early to bed, early to rise . . . ," says senior Dick Harben.

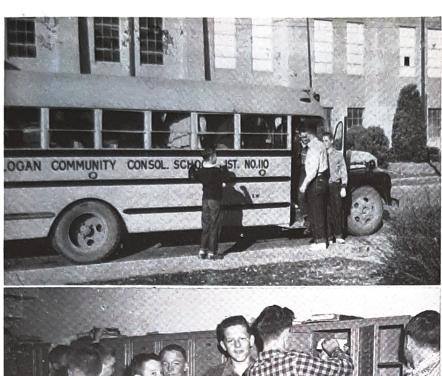


7:30 Down the Hatch.





8:00 Ready for another day.



 $$8\!:\!\!05$  Well, we made it again.

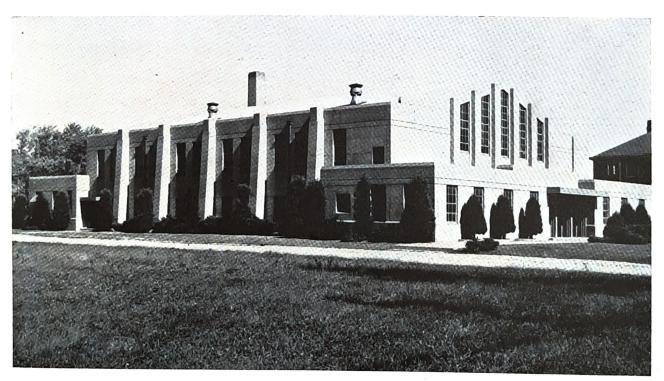


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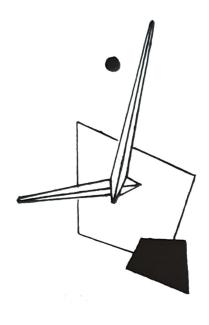
8:32 Whoops! Late again.

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On arriving at school early in the morning, a teacher's first act is to go to the office to check up to see what's new - checking the bulletin board, their mail boxes, and discussing the program for the day.

The back hall is alive with chatter as the students wait for the 8:15 bell, which allows them to rush to their lockers in their anxiety for the day to begin. It's rush, rush, rush. Why? So they can have time to check up on everyone and everything before first hour starts.

Mrs. Kenny is busy making out student absent and tardy blanks. Miss Wilhite is shushing in the study hall while Mrs. Little opens the library as the daily search for information begins again.

One day in American history Mr. Hooker said to Glick, "How do you like school?"

Dennis: "Closed!" And Mr. Miller's second hour open English class rolled in the aisles the day Mr. Miller said, "John, what tense would you be using if you said, 'I have money.' '

Tedeschi responded, "Pretense."

And more-

Mr. Rhodes: "You'd better watch vour step in my class.'

Bowman: "Why? Is the flooring loose?"

Plus another-

Mr. Aiken: "Jimmy, name three animals peculiar to the Arctic."

Overton: "Lion, tiger, and monkey."

H. M.: "Why those three?"

Overton: "Because it would be very peculiar if they were there."

### **ADMINISTRATION**





Mr. Herbert Mundell became Benton's new principal this year. The duties of Mr. Mundell range from disciplining students to being an arbiter. A few of his varied duties are leading the curriculum planning and improvement, supervising the purchases and expenditures of school funds, and directing school activities so they will contribute to the welfare of all. He also makes sure that Benton's standards are properly upheld. By his actions and attitude he sets an example for the students to follow. Mr. Mundell has shown us, in only one year, that he is a very capable man and will have no difficulty filling the shoes worn by the principals of Benton.

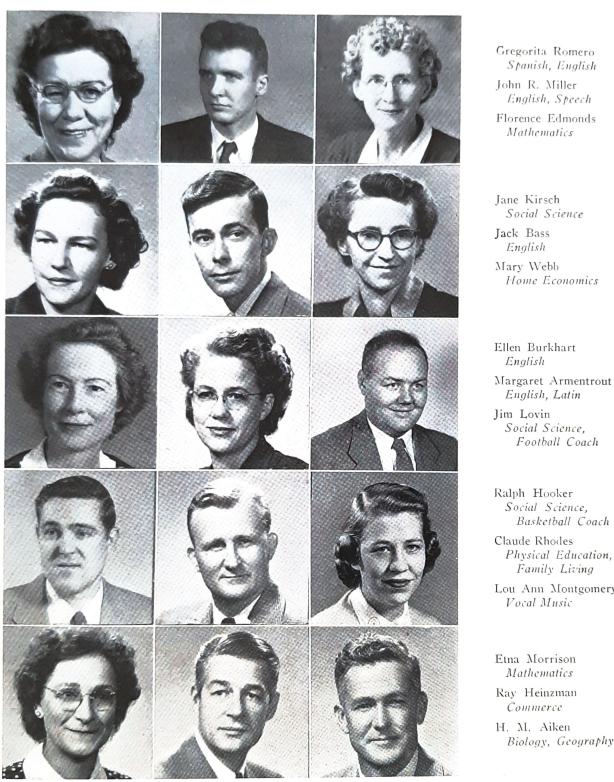
At the left are pictured the office force. Mrs. LaVerne Kenny is the registrar and Miss Joan Vincenti, who is the secretary and treasurer.

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## SCHOOL BOARD

The Board of Education of Benton Consolidated High School is composed of the following members: Angus Knight, president; W. E. Etherton, secretary; Fred Browning, Dennis Frailey, Charles Kuhn, Roy Webb, and W. C. Rice.





Basketball Coach Claude Rhodes Physical Education, Family Living Lou Ann Montgomery Vocal Music

Gregorita Romero Spanish, English John R. Miller English, Speech Florence Edmonds Mathematics

Social Science

Home Economics

English

English

English, Latin

Social Science, Football Coach

Social Science,

Etna Morrison Mathematics Ray Heinzman Commerce H. M. Aiken Biology, Geography

### TEACHING STAFF

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Mrs. Jeanette Williams
Commerce

B. L. Finley
Agriculture

Mary Lou Pinkham Physical Education

William C. Walter Instrumental Music

William Berry
Industrial Arts

Verbal Adkisson Health

George Grosco
Chemistry, Physics,
Mathematics

Freda Thompson
Home Economics

Mrs. Louise Little Librarian

Lillian Ewing English

Bonnie Wilhite Study Hall

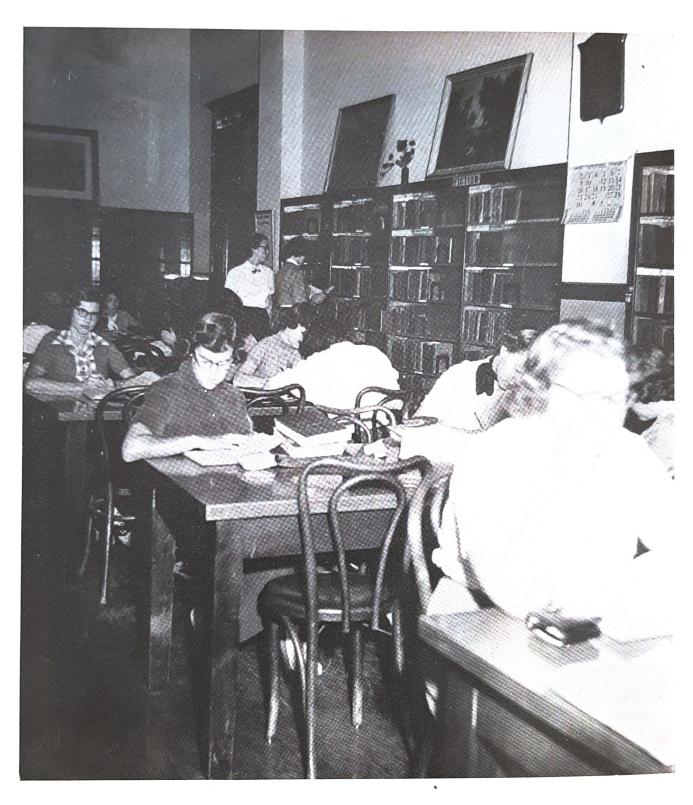
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Health, Drivers' Education,

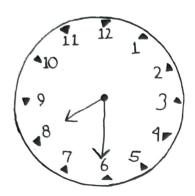
Assistant Coach

Kenneth Gray
Commerce
George McKenzie
English





in the library



# Classes begin at 8:30

Getting acquainted with Benton this year were the new teachers: Miss Mary Lou Pinkham, an alumna; George Grosco and George McKenzie. Mrs. Virginia Knapp and Mrs. Dorothy Stewart substituted until Mr. McKenzie arrived. Mrs. Louise Little reacquainted herself with B. C. H. S. for she had formerly been the librarian. The new members of the custodial staff also were adjusting themselves to our daily routine—Dee Blondi and Felix Owens.

### **SENIORS**



Mr. Heinzman, Mary Ann Bryant, Betty Williams, George Cavaness,, John Gulley, Miss Edmonds.

The senior class under the sponsorship of Miss Florence Edmonds and Mr. Ray Heinzman has spent four very successful years at B. C. H. S.

In its first years at B. C. H. S., the class chose the following class officers: Jim Overton, Jack Canada, Sue Pearce, and Bennie Edwards; second year—Bruce Jilek, Kay Collins, Judy Moore, and Sue Pearce. That year the class sponsored an all-school Leap Year Dance and also had a hay ride.

George Cavaness, Judy Moore, Linda Mc-Guire, and Connie Somers were the officers for the junior year. The class had a party and dance, produced the junior play, entertained the seniors at the annual reception, and received their class rings.

For their fourth year, they elected George Cavaness, John Gulley, Mary Ann Bryant, and Betty Williams as their officers. They had their most outstanding class party with over 80 students attending. The busy seniors had a senior play, were entertained by the juniors at the annual reception, participated in Career Day at West Frankfort, and climaxed their activities with the senior week, the last week before graduation.



## BETTY 10 ADAMS

Chorus 3, 4, Girls' chorus 1, 2, double mixed quartette 2, Madrigals 3, girls' octet 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Youth for Christ 3, 4; Rio Rico 3; The Scoot 3.

# RONALD ADAMS

ootball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 4.

### CAROLYN BARNFIELD

Engaged

Chorus 2, 3, 4, Girls' chorus 1, 2, trio 2, sextet 3, quartet 3; G.A.A. 1; Pep Club 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3; Rio Rico The Scoop 3.

### TERRY BARNFIELD

Barnie F.F.A. 3, 4; Mt. Vernon High School 1, 2.

### TOYCE MARIE BELL

Joycy Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

MAX LEE BENNETT
Football 1; basketball 2, 4; baseball 1, 3; cross country 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, treasurer 4.

MARILYN IMOGENE BOLEN

Cookie

Madrigals 3, trio 2, octet 3, chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Girls' chorus 2, 3, 4, contest 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Speech Club 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 4, 4; The Scoop 3; Rio Rico 3; Cheaper By the Dozen 2.

### JAMES ALLEN BOLEN

Piggy

Basketball 2; baseball 1, 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, vice president 4.

### MARION BOWMAN

Spank

Speech Club 4.

### FANNIE A. BROWNING

Browny

Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, vice president 3; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4, vice president 3, president 4; Pep Club 2; Youth for Christ 4; Farmers' Ball Queen 4.

MARY ANN BRYANT

Miss Hi-Tri
Class secretary 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, president 4, State
Treasurer 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4, reporter 3; F.H.A. 2, 3,
4; Pep Club 2, 3; G.A.A. 3; Student Council 4; The
Whole Town's Talking 3; Shadow Revue 3; Homecoming attendant 4.

### CHARLES BURNS

Chuck

Spanish Club 4.

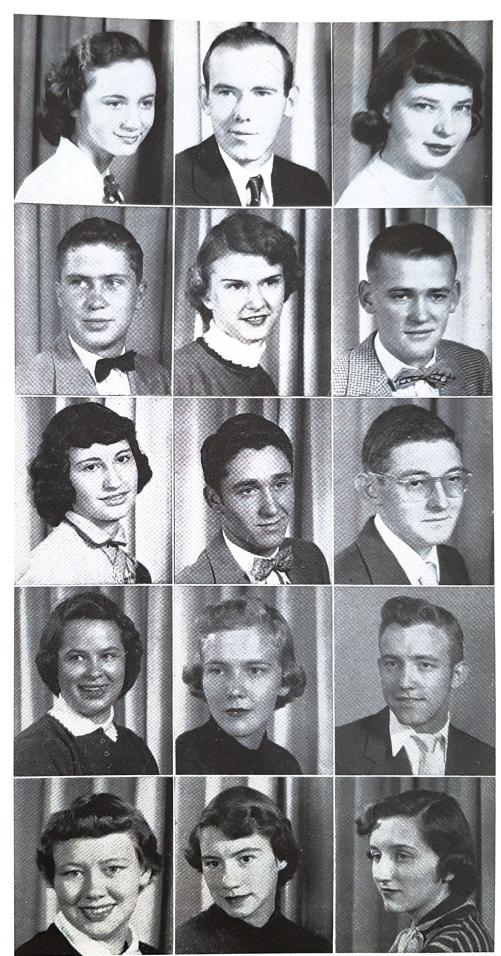
### M. ANN BUNTIN

Annie P.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Speech Club 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

JEAN BUNTIN
Shortie
P.H.A. 1, 2, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Hiri 1, 2, 3, 4; Seventeen is Terrific 1.

# NANCY CAMPBELL

Band 1, contest 1; chorus 4, vice president 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, council 3; Echo 1, 2, 3; Scarab 3, 4, Editorial Board 4; Speech Club 2; Latin Club 2; F.H.A. 4.



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BILL ALLEN CARTER

B'Lallen

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1; Latin Club 2; Youth for Christ 3, 4.

### GEORGE ROBERT CAVANESS

Mr. President
Class President 3, 4; Chorus contest 1, 3; student
council 1, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4, secretary 4; Speech
Club 3, 4; Echo 1, 2, 3, 4, co-editor 4; Pep Club 1;
Latin Club 2; Hi-Y 1; Key Club 3, 4; Shadow Revue
3; Rio Rico production staff 3; The Whole Town's
Talbing 3 3; Rio Rio Talking 3.

### BOB CHOISSER

Bobby

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Madrigals 3, 4, contest 1, 3, 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3; Rio Rico 3; The Scoop 3.

#### MARLIN CLINTON

Mr. Trombone Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3; Spanish Club 3.

### KAY COLLINS

Pokie

FORTE

Vice-president 2; chorus 1, 3; Speech Club 3, secretary 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; cheerleader 1; Student Council 2; Echo 1, 2, 4; Youth for Christ 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Rio Rico 3; Shadow Revue 3; The Scoop 3; Homecoming attendant 1, 3; Scarab attendant 1.

#### NADINE COLLINS

Dink

F.H.A. 1; Pep Club 1; F.B.L.A. 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### VIRGINIA ELLEN CONNER

Gin

Chorus 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3; Youth for Christ 3, 4.

#### SHIRLEY CONTI

Coni

F.B.L.A. 3, 4; F.H.A. 1.

#### RAYMOND CRISP

Crunch

Chorus 3; Echo 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 2, 3; Youth for Christ 3, 4; Latin Club 3, secretary 3.

### DONALD H. DAILEY

West Blocton, Alabama, 1.

### SHIRLEY DILLON

Band 1, 2; Speech Club 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4, secretary 3, president 4; Scarab 2, 3, 4, Editorial Board 4; Echo 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, treasurer 4; Pep Club 2, 3, secretary 3; The Whole Town's Talking 3; Shadow Revue production staff 3.

### CHARLES DOTY

Charlie

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; track 1, 2, 3, 4; football manager 3; diversified occupations 3.

#### ROBERT M. DOTY Bob

Chorus 1; football 1, 2, 3; track 1, 2; Student Council 4, president 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4, president 3; Thespians 2, 3, 4, vice-president 4; F.T.A. 1, vice-president 1; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Echo 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Shadow Revue 2, 3; The Whole Town's Talking 3.

### ANNETTE DOUGHERTY

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, secretary 4; chorus 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4, secretary 4; Latin Club 2, vice-president 2; Pep Club 1; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, section parliamentarian 4, secretary 3; Speech Club 4, secretary 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3.

DONALD DUNCAN D.O. Club 3; Industrial Arts Club 2.

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### BENNIE EDWARDS

Treasurer 1: band 1, 2, 4, president 4; Industrial Arts Club 1, 2; D.O. 3; Youth for Christ 3, 4, treasurer 3.

### NADINE ENGLISH

Queenie

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4, president 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Shadow Revue 3; Homecoming Queen 4; cheerleader 3, 4.

### ROBERT EOVALDI

Hound

Football 2, 3, 4; track 3; Student Council 3, 4, vice-president 3; Echo 3, 4; Scarab 4; Latin Club 2, treasurer 2; Key Club 2, 3.

### LORENE EUBANKS

Bouncer

Band 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Echo 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; F.T.A. 2.

### ROLLIN FISHER Rolly

### CHARLES L. FLACH

Charlie

Youth for Christ 4; Cheaper By the Dozen 2.

### D. CLARK FOWLER

Cattleman

Mixed chorus 1, 2, 3, Boys' chorus 1, 2, 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth for Christ 4; Hi-Y 2.

### GENE FRAULINI

Fraul

### BILL FRED

Fred

Chorus 4, Madrigals 4; football 1, 2, 3, 4; track 1, 3; Key Club 2, 3

### DIANA FREESE

Di

Chorus 1; Echo 1, 2, 3, 4, co-editor 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; cadet 2; F.B.L.A. 3; Youth for Christ 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3.

### BILL FRYAR

Billie

Boxing team 2; D.O. 3.

### DAVID LEIGH GARWOOD

Star Gazer

Scarab 2, 3, 4, editorial board 4; Latin Club 2; The Whole Town's Talking 3.

### HENRY E. GERMAN

Hen

Latin Club 2.

### MARTHA GIFFORD

Giff
F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4.

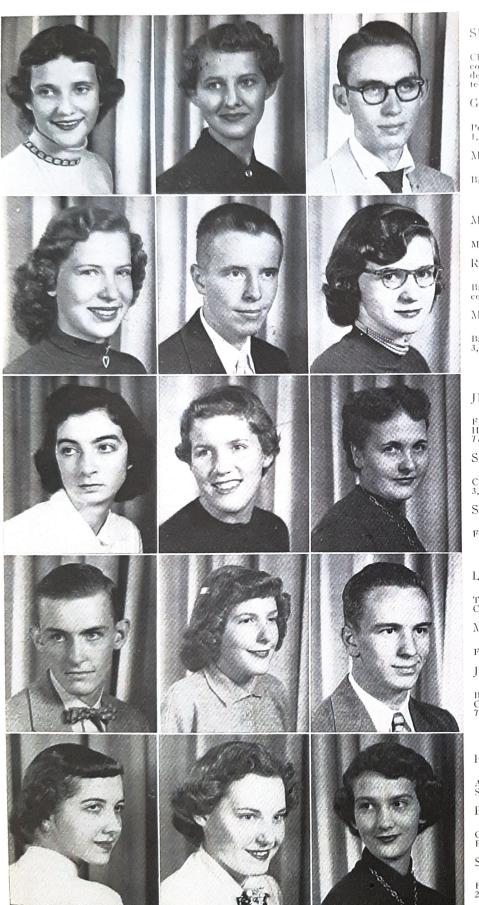
### JOHN T. GULLEY

J. T.

Track 1, 2, 3; football 3; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, secretary 3; Letterman's Club 2; Student Council 4; Echo 3, 4



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### SHARON GUNTER

Gunner

Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 1; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, council 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3; Student Council 3; Pep Club 2; Searab Royalty Attendant 2.

### GLENNA JEAN HAMILTON Hambone

Pep Club 2; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### MARVIN HAND

Marv

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Echo 1; F.T.A. 1, 2; Hi-Y 2.

### MIGNON HAND

Mrs.

Montevalle, Alabama, 1, 2, 3.

### RICHARD HARBEN

Dickie

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; track 3, manager 1, 2, cross country 3; Scarab Royalty 3, 4.

### MARTHA JEAN HELMINSKI Mart

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 3; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### JEAN HERBERT

Herbie

F.H.A. 1; F.B.L.A. 3, 4, secretary 4; Pep Club 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Echo 3, 4; The Whole Town's Ta'king 3.

### SANDRA HESTER

Hes

Chorus 1; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; G.A.A. 1.

### SHIRLEY HEWLETT

Shirl

F.B.L.A. 4; G.A.A. 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### LARRY HOLDER

Teff

Track 1, 3; basketball 1; football manager 1; Shop Club 1, 2; Hi-Y 2; Youth for Christ 3, 4.

### MARY HOLMAN

Marie

F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Youth for Christ 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### JAMES HOUSE

Jim

Boxing 1, 2; football 1; track 4; Industrial Arts Club 2; Key Club 3, 4, president 4; The Whole Toten's Talking 3.

### PHYLLIS ANN HUNT

Phil

A Cappella Choir 1, 2; F.H.A. 2, 3; F.B.I.A. 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Youth for Christ 3, 4.

### PATSY LEE HUMERICKHOUSE Pat

Chorus 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Speech Club 4; G.A.A. 1, 3, 4.

### SHELVA JEAN HUTCHCRAFT Hutch

F.H.A. 1. 2; F.B.L.A. 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 1.

#### JOY JACKSON

Jug

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, council 3, secretary 4; G.A.A. 1.

### BRUCE JILEK

Bruce Hon

President 2; football 1, 2, 3, 4, co-captain 4; boxing 2; track 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 4; Key Club 2, 3; Scarab Royalty 2.

#### MARY LEE JILEK Merrily

### CHARLES M. JOHNSON

Boys' chorus 1, 2; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3; Speech Club 4; Spanish Club 2.

### RUTH JOHNSON

Ruthie

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4, treasurer 4; Pep Club 1, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### ALICE JANE JOHNSTON

Noise

Girls' chorus 1, mixed chorus 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth for Christ 4; Pep Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3.

#### BOBBY JOHNSTON Poss

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; cross country 3; Key Club 2, 3; "Lil' Abner" 3.

### CHARLENE JONES

Jonsey

Band 1, 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; G.A.A. 1; Youth for Christ 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4.

#### KAY FRANCES LARKIN Katie

Band 1; Student Council 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 4; eadet 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; D.O. 3, secretary 3; The Whole Town's Talking production staff 3.

### CAREL LONG

Pinky

Football 1; baseball 3; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; Hi-Y

### DONALD MANDRELL

Red

F.F.A. 2, 3, 4; Cheaper by the Dozen 2.

### PHYLLIS JANE MANDRELL Phil

Pep Club 2; F.H.A. 1; G.A.A. 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### PHYLLIS JANE MARQUIS

Marky

F.H.A. 1, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

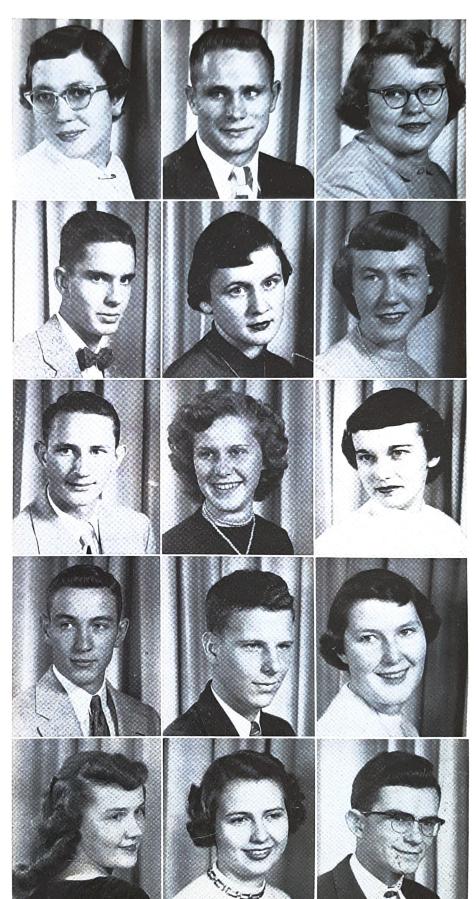
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Francie

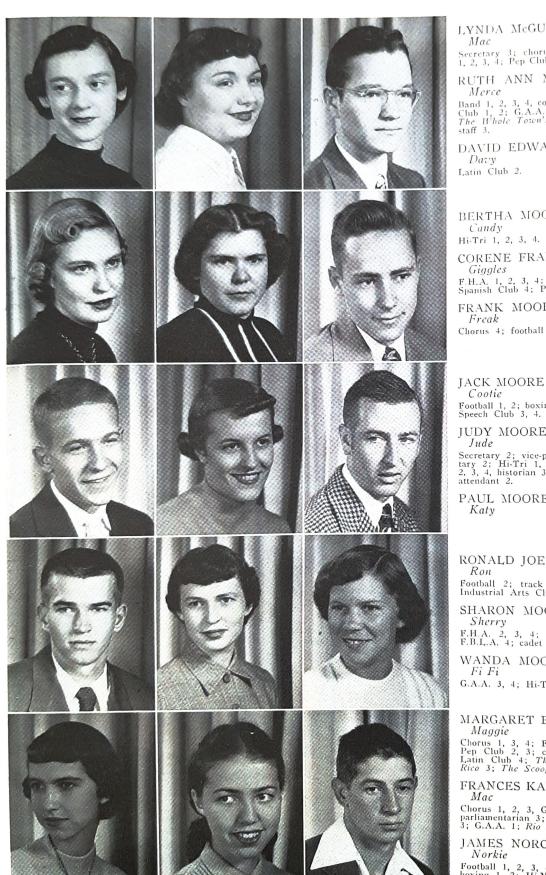
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## DICK McGUIRE Hot Socket

Chorus 1, Madrigals 2; basketball manager 3, 4; cross country manager 3; Hi-Y 1, 2; Student Council 2; Pep Club 1, 2; Scarab 3, 4.



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### LYNDA McGUIRE

Secretary 3; chorus 1, A Cappella choir 1; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 3; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4.

### RUTH ANN MERCER

Bland 1, 2, 3, 4, contest 1, 2, 3; Girls' chorus 3; Pep Club 1, 2; G.A.A. 1; F.H.A. 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3; Rio Rico production staff 3.

### DAVID EDWARD MILLER

### BERTHA MOORE

### CORENE FRANCES MOORE

Giggles F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Pep Club 2.

### FRANK MOORE

Chorus 4; football 1, 2; Hi-Y 3.

Football 1, 2; boxing 1, 2; Industrial Arts Club 1, 2; Speech Club 3, 4.

### JUDY MOORE

Secretary 2; vice-president 3; Pep Club 1, 2, secretary 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; council 1, 2, 4; F.H.A 2, 3, 4, historian 3; Student Council 3; Homecoming attendant 2.

### PAUL MOORE

### RONALD JOE MOORE

Football 2; track 2, 3; boxing 2; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 2.

### SHARON MOORE

F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2; F.B.L.A. 4; cadet 3, 4; F.F.A. Sweetheart 1.

### WANDA MOORE

G.A.A. 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### MARGARET E. MOSS

Chorus 1, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3; cadet 3; Echo 2, 3; Scarab 3, 4; Latin Club 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3; Rio Rico 3; The Scoop 3.

### FRANCES KAYE MOUNTAIN

Chorus 1, 2, 3, Girls' sextet 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, parliamentarian 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 1; Rio Rico 3; The Scoop 3.

### JAMES NORCROSS

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; baseball 1; track 3; golf 2, 4; boxing 1, 2; Hi-Y 3, 4, president 4.

#### JIM OVERTON Tex

President 1; band 1; track 1; Hi-Y 1; Speech Club 4, treasurer 4; Scarab royalty 1.

### EDWARD OVERTURF

Orie

Boxing 2.

### LARRY OVERTURF

Curly

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; livestock judging 2, 3, 4.

### JOY LEE OWENS

Blue Eyes

F.B.L.A. 3; F.H.A. 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### SUE PEARCE

Susie

Secretary 1; treasurer 2; chorus 3; band 1, 2, 4; drum majorette 4; Latin Club 2, president 2; Pep Club 2, treasurer 2; F.H.A. 4; Student Council 1; Echo 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, council 4; Speech Club 3, 4; Rio Rico 3; Homecoming attendant 4.

### VALERIE JOAN PHILLIPS

Joanie

Girls' chorus 1, 2, 3, Mixed chorus 2, 3, 4, quartet 3; G.A.A. 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 4; Echo 4; Scarab 4; cadet 4; Rio Rico 3; The Scoop 3; Shadow Revue 3; The Whole Town's Talking 3.

### MAURICE DEAN PHILLIPS

Moose

Chorus 3; football 1, 2, 3, 4, co-captain 4; basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; track 1, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, vice-president

### ANN PRISTIA

Toosie

Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### DAVID REA

Dink

Track 1, 2, 4.

### CHARLOTTE PRICE RICHARDSON Yi Yi

Band 1, 2; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Pep Club 2; F.H.A. 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; cadet 4; Daisy Mae 2.

### WALTER T. RICHARDSON

Tom

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

### MARIAN ROBERTSON Robby

### BILL ROBERTSON

Billy-boy

F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; F.B.L.A. 4; G.A.A. 4.

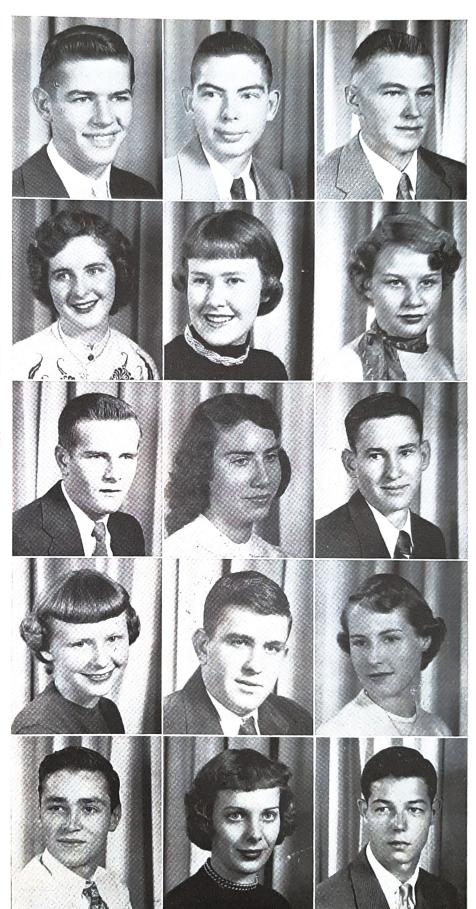
### SALLY ROBINSON

Mrs. Jones

### BILL SANDERS

Speedy

Boxing 1, 2; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, sentinel 2; Speech Club 4; Hi-Y 4; D.O. 3, vice-president 3.



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PAT SHIRLEY

Shirl

F.H.A. 2; Pep Club 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### YVONNE SIDDENS

Pud

Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 3; F.H.A. 1; G.A.A. 4.

#### DICK SMITH

Snork

Band 4; Hi-Y 4; Spanish Club 1; Speech Club 4.

### LA VEDA SMITH

Lucy

Cadet 1; F.B.L.A. 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### ROBERT C. SMITH

Windy

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, treasurer 3, president 4; grain judging 3; Cheaper by the Dozen 2; Farmers' Ball

### MELVIN SMOTHERS

Red

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Speech Club 3, 4; Echo 4.

### EVELYN SNEED

A Cappella choir 1; cheerleader 4; Youth for Christ 4, pianist 4; cadet 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### CONNIE SOMERS

Turtle

Treasurer 3; Band 1, 2; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Thespians 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, council 3, vice-president 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; vice-president 3; Scarab 3, 4; Echo 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3; The Whole Toan's Talking 3; Shadow Revue 3; Scarab royalty 3.

### DALE SPAIN

Spainy

Football 1; basketball 1, 2; boxing 2.

#### LOUISE STEWART Lou

### JANE ELLEN SUDDES

Sudsy

Mixed chorus 3, 4, Girls' chorus 1, 2; Latin Club 3, treasurer 3; Pep Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 4; G.A.A. 1; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Rio Rico 3; The Scoop 3.

### FRANCES SUMMERS

Fran

### JAMES R. SUMMERS

Red

Football 2, 3.

### SHERAL SUMMERS

S. O. S.

Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Degrees chairman 4, sectional treasurer 4; Student Council 4, treasurer 4; Speech Club 2, 4; Thespians 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Youth for Christ 4; Cheaper by the Dozen 3; Little Women 3.

#### WARNER DEAN SUMMERS Warnie

Spanish Club 1, 2,

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### ROSALIE TATE

Rosie

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### CAROLE TAYLOR

Jeanne

Chorus 1, 2; Pep Club 2; cadet 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

### MARY ANN TAYLOR

Tay

Rand 1, 2; chorus 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.-L.A. 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; The Whole Town's Talking production staff 3; The Scoop 3; Rio Rico 2.

### JOHN RICHARD TEDESCHI

Ted

Football 1; track 1; Spanish Club 1, 2; Hi-Y 1, 2; Key Club 3; Speech Club 3, 4; Scarab 3, 4, Editorial board 4.

### BILL TEDROW

Handsome

Chorus 4, Madrigals 4; football 3, 4; track 3; boxing 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 2; Echo 3.

### ROBERT TIBEREND

Tib

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; basketball 1; track 3; Latin Club 2; Hi-Y 3, 4, secretary 4.

### PAUL TISDALE

Tub

Chorus 4, Madrigals 4; football 1, 2, 3, 4; boxing 1, 2,; track 3.

### DONALD GENE UPCHURCH

Donahue

Football 1, 2; basketball 1; weight lifting 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, president 3.

### LOREN EUGENE UPCHURCH

Smiley

Chorus 1, 2, 3; track 2; Pep Club 1, 2; Industrial Arts Club 2; Visual Aids 4.

### PHYLLIS SUE UPCHURCH Phil

Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, council 4; Scarab 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 3; Pep Club 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3; Shadow Revue 3.

### LOUIS J. VIETTI

Louie

Boxing 2; track 2; baseball 3; D.O. Club 3.

### PHYLLIS WALLACE

Wally

G.A.A. 2, 3, 4, vice-president 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; cadet 1; Youth for Christ 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Shadow Revue 4.

### FRANK LEON WATSON

Imperial

Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

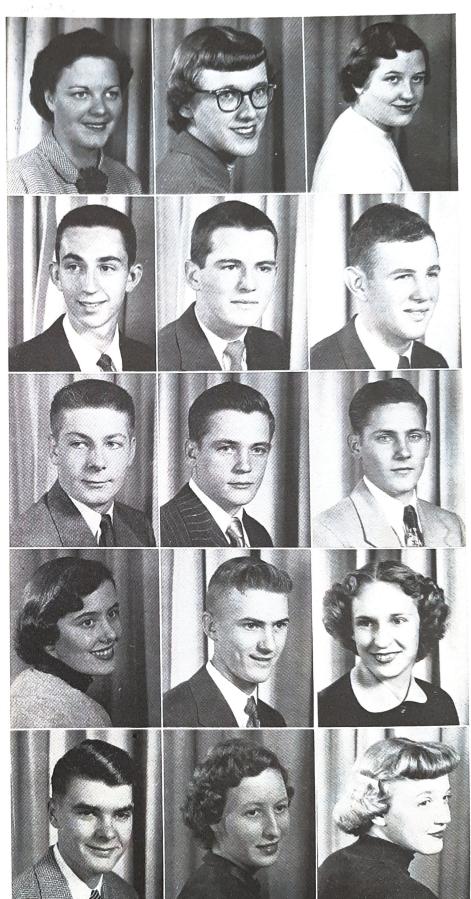
#### MARILYN J. WAYMAN Mari

Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4.

### PATRICIA WHEAT

Patt

A Cappella choir 1, Girls' sextet 3, music contest 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Speech Club 3; Thespians 4; Youth for Christ 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3; Shadow Revue 2, 3; Rio Rico 3; The Scoop 2; checrleader 1, 3; Homecoming attendant 1, 2, 3.



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### ARTHUR JEROME WHITTINGTON

Jerry F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth for Christ 3, 4; vice-president 3, president 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, chaplain 4.

### PATSY DEAN WHITTINGTON

F.H.A. 1, 2; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth for Christ 4; cadet 3; Librarian Club 2.

### ALAN K. WILLIAMS

Al

Basketball 1; boxing 2; tumbling 4.

### BETTY WILLIAMS

Sleepy

Band 1, 2, 4, state contest 1, 2, treasurer 4; Pep Club 2, 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, council 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Thespians 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3, Shadow Revue 2, 3.

### CONNIE LIPSCOMB WILLIS

Band 1, 2, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Thespians 2, 3, 4, treasurer 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4, president 4; Echo 1, 2; Pep Club 3; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; The Whole Town's Talking 3.

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Jacquelyn Higgerson

Jerry Aaron

Richard T. House

Billy Burton

Veta Martin

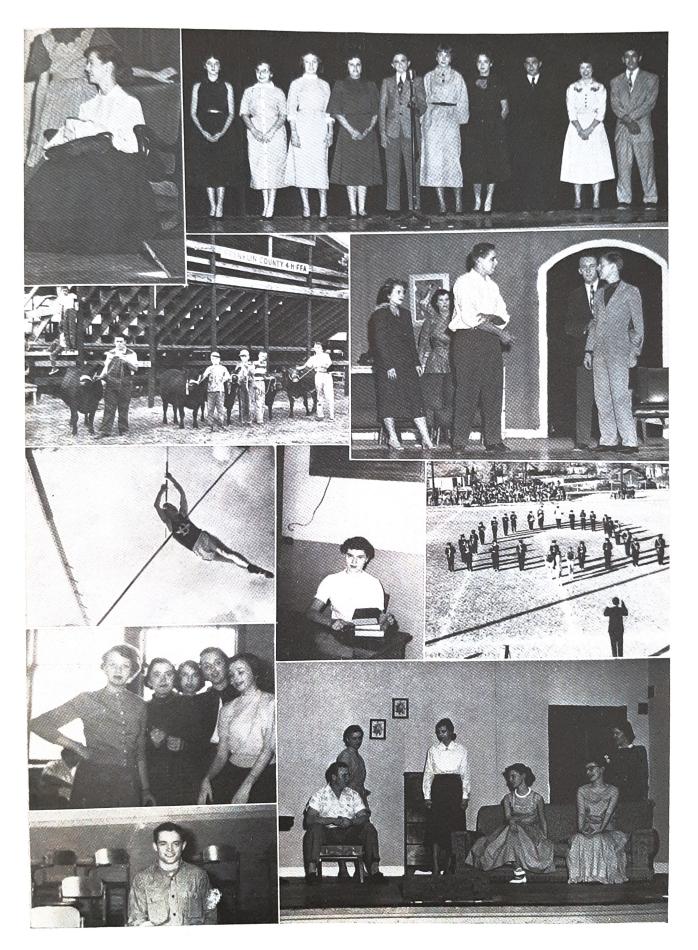
Jerry Fraulini

John J. Renfro

Jack Briley

Paul Eugene Sanders

Jim Dale Saunders



## **JUNIORS**



Mr. Miller, Kay Fowler, Dorothy Todd, Bill Edmonds, John Smith, Miss Wilhite

In the three years at B. C. H. S., the juniors have had for officers the following students: freshman year—Jim Lynch, Jean Lewis, Judy Stewart, Nancy Bell; sophomore year—Lanny Price, Phyllis Neal, Janet Cash, Jane Starkey, and this year—John Smith, Bill Edmonds, Dorothy Todd, Kay Fowler.

Under the sponsorship of Miss Bonnie Wilhite and John R. Miller, this class of 1955 has been well organized. The sophomore year the class had two successful parties. This year the highlights were: The reception (entertaining the seniors) and the selection of the class rings.

The junior play, *People are Funny*, was based on the popular Art Linkletter radio show and was a tremendous success; athletically this class furnished practically all the football and track teams.



JOE ATTEBERRY

MARY AUSTIN

DANNY BAIN

GERALDINE BANDY

TIM BARHAM

DAVID BARNFIELD

DORIS BARNFIELD

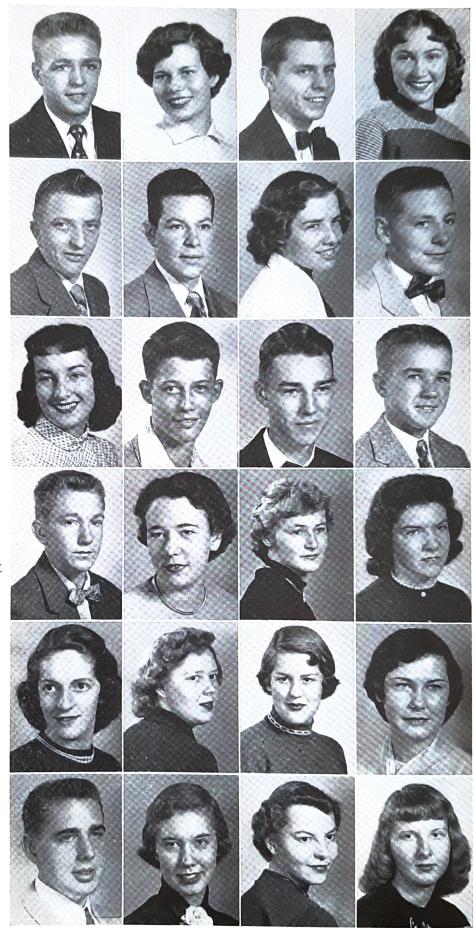
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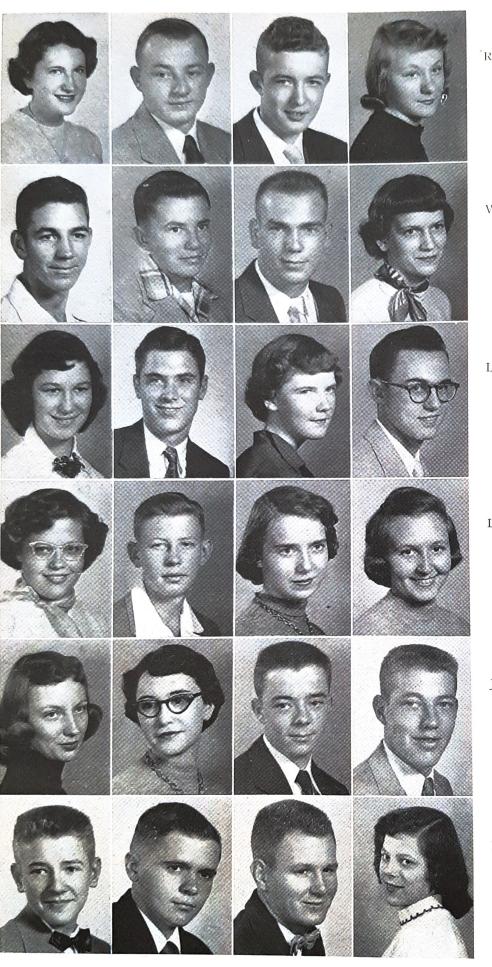
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LEON BIRD
MIKE BOBIAK

CARROL BOLEN
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RUTH ANN BROWNE

IDALENE BROWNING
MILDRED BURGESS
KITTY CAIREL
VIRGINIA CANADA

DONALD CARNS
JANET CASH
GLENNA CLARK
SHIRLEY CLUCK





RITA COLE

JAMES COOK

RICHARD DAVIS

SHIRLEY DeBARTOLI

WILLIAM DETHROW
GORDON DIAL
DONALD DILLON
IVA JANE DILLON

LORETTA DILLON

JACK DUCKWORTH

CAROL SUE EASTER

BILL EDMONDS

LINDA ESKEW
BILLY FIELDS
GLORIA FOSTER
KAY FOWLER

JANE FREEMAN
SUZANNE GEORGE
DENNIS GLICK
PAUL GRAMMER

RICHARD GREZLAK
BOB GUNTER
KENNETH HALL
EVELYN HARRIS

WANDA HARRIS

KAREN HARTMAN

CARMEN HEATH

VIDA HILL

PAT HOLLADA
CLAUDE HOLMAN
MARILYN HUTCHISON
JEAN JACKSON

MARVIN JOHNSON
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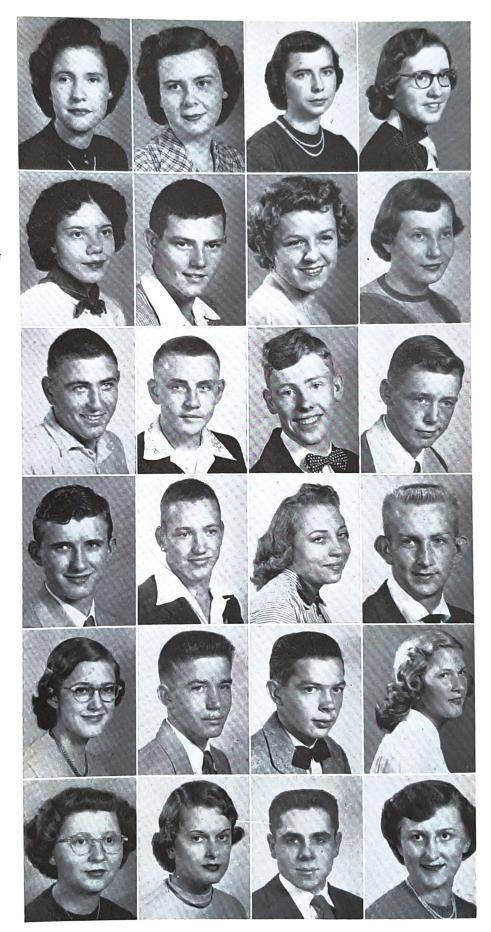
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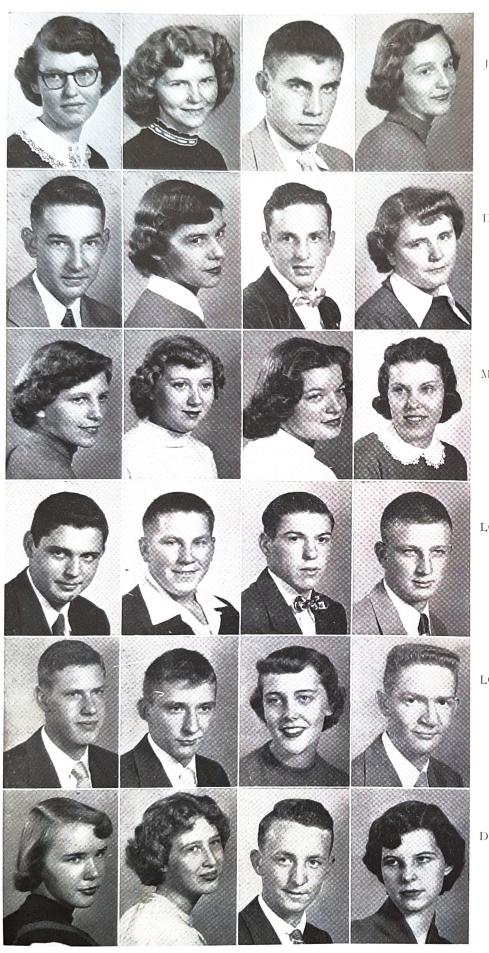
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JEAN LEWIS

RONALD MALONE

JUDY McCOMMONS





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JOAN McGUIRE
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BILLIE MILLER

DANNY MILLER
MARY MITCHELL
ARNOLD MOORE
EARLENE MOORE

MARJORIE MOORE
MARY LOU MOORE
ELVA DEAN MUMBOWER
PHYLLIS NEAL

LOUIS NEVE

KENNETH OVERTURF

GEORGE OWENS

LARRY PAGE

LOREN PARKHILL
JIM PEARCE
HOPE PETERSON
ROBERT PINSON

DARLENE PONDER
SALLY PONDER
LANNY PRICE
KAY RAINS

AGNES RAUBACH
PAT REA
MARGIE REED
MARILYN ROBERSON

BARBARA ROBERTSON
ELAINE RUNNELS
CARROLL SANDERS
GEORGE SANDERS

MILDRED SAYLOR
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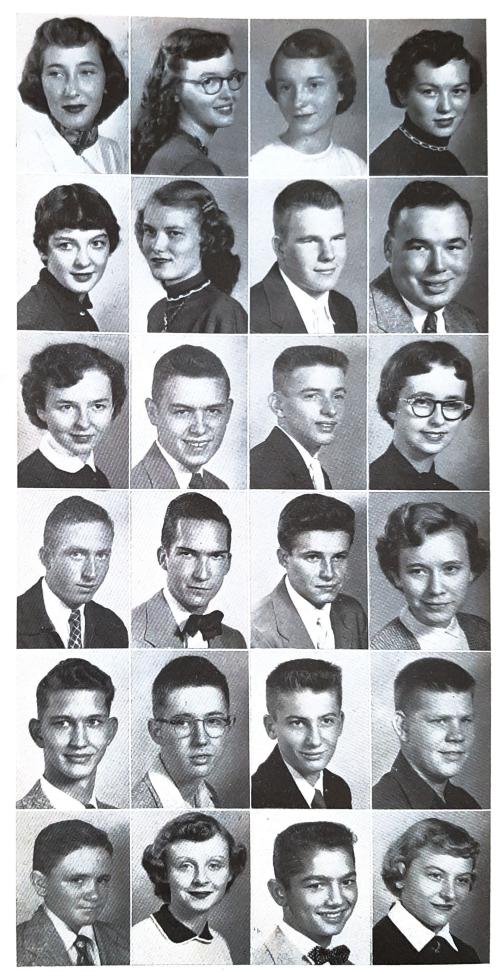
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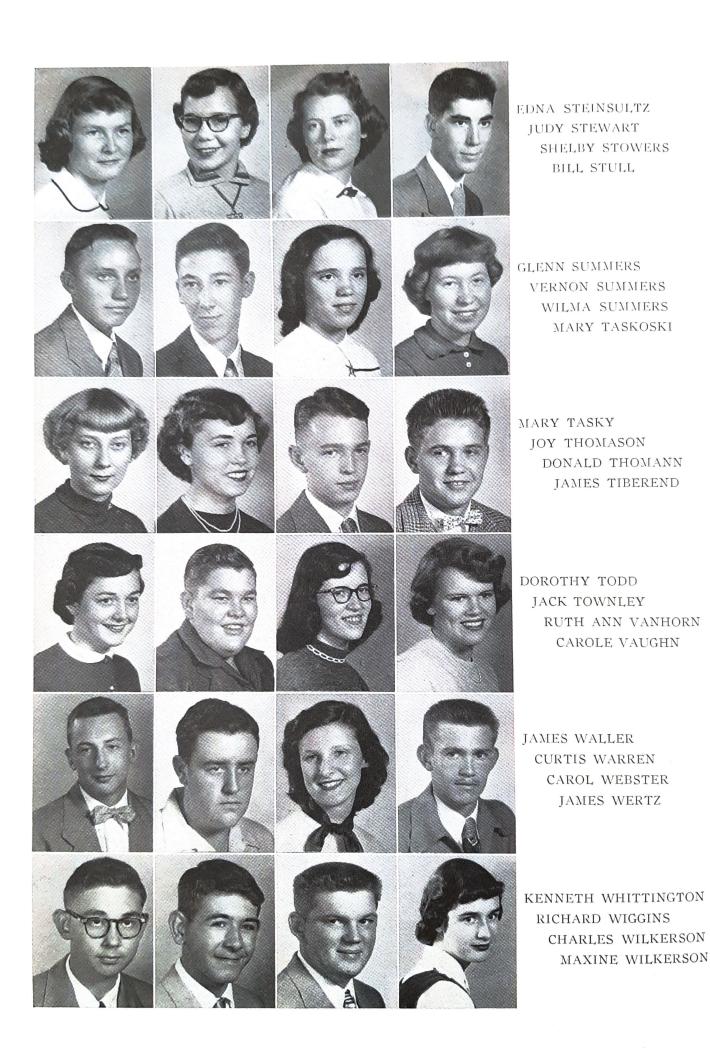
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BETH STAHLHEBER





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MARION WILSON
ANITA WOODARD
JOYCE WOODBURN

BILL ZEBOSKI

DONALD ZIMBELMAN

JANE STARKEY



#### JUNIORS WITHOUT PICTURES

Jerry Batts Jack Shockley Charles Brookshire R. C. Skeen Ralph Burchell Lowell Spain Charles Cunitz Val Thomas Curtis Escue Jim Thornhill Bryce Heard Jerry Vaughn Jan Hudachko Ronnie Viernum Jim Lynch George Walls Chester Parrish Jerry West Joe Patrick Bill Wilson

# **SOPHOMORES**



Mr. Berry, Pat Starkey, Wendall Whitlow, Bill Monroe, Jim Wilkerson and Miss Adkisson

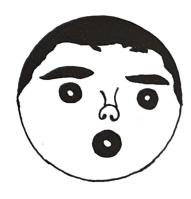
Since we are now sophomores, we feel that we are not "green" any longer. We even hate to admit that we ever once were freshmen.

Our freshman year we chose Mr. William Berry and Miss Verbal Adkillson as our class sponsors. The following officers were elected: Bill Monroe, president; Connie Link, vice president; Patsy Threewitt, secretary; Barbara Taylor, treasurer.

This year the class of '56 elected the following as officers: Wendell Whitlow, president; Bill Monroe, vice-president; Pat Starkey, secretary; Jim Wilkerson, treasurer.

We had a class party on January 12, in the Old Gym. It was successful. Everyone enjoyed himself tremendously.

We believe that the rest of our school years will be a great success because we will always try to better ourselves and the school.



JOAN AARON
DORA ABBOTT
NOBLEE ABENDROTH
KENNETH AIKEN
SARA ALLEN

RICHARD ALLYN
MARLENE AUTEN
DAVID BAIN
JUDITH BAKER
BARBARA BEATY

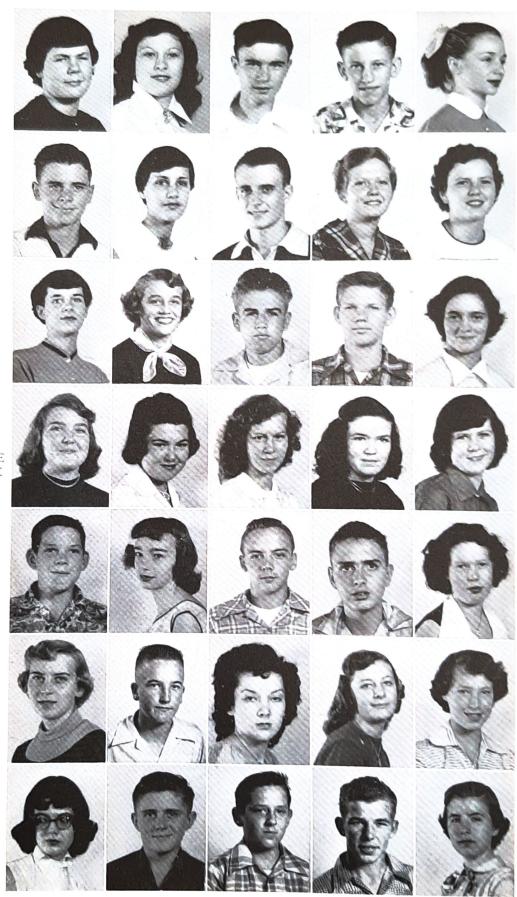
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BEATRICE BROOKSHIRE
ROSALIE BROOKSHIRE

JOE BROWNING
PEGGY BRUMLEY
PAUL BRYANT
MURRELL BUFFORD
MARTHA BURGESS

KATY BURKETT
FRED BURNETT
JUNE BURTON
SALLY BURTON
VELMA CAPPS

SALLY CARLTON
JAMES CLARK
JERRY CLEM
MAURICE CLINTON
BARBARA COLE





MARILYN HAMMONDS TED HARMON WANDA HARRAWOOD GENE HEFNER ELVIN HEWLETT

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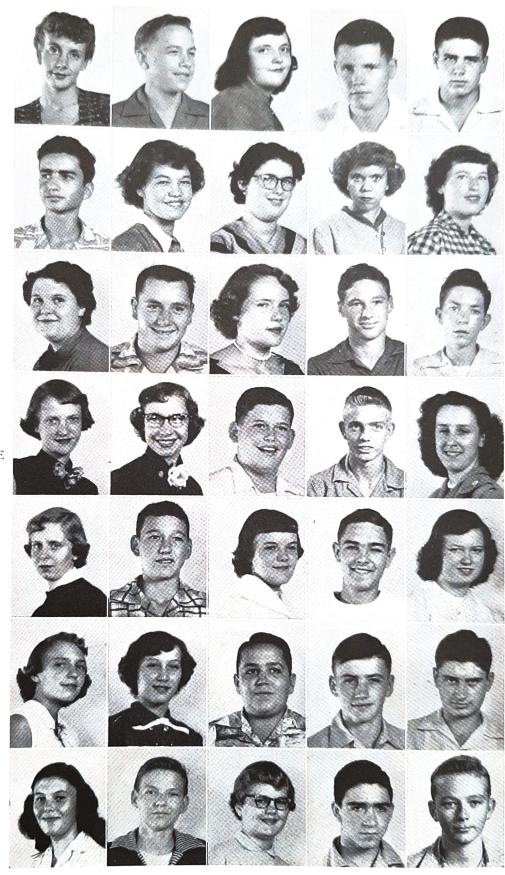
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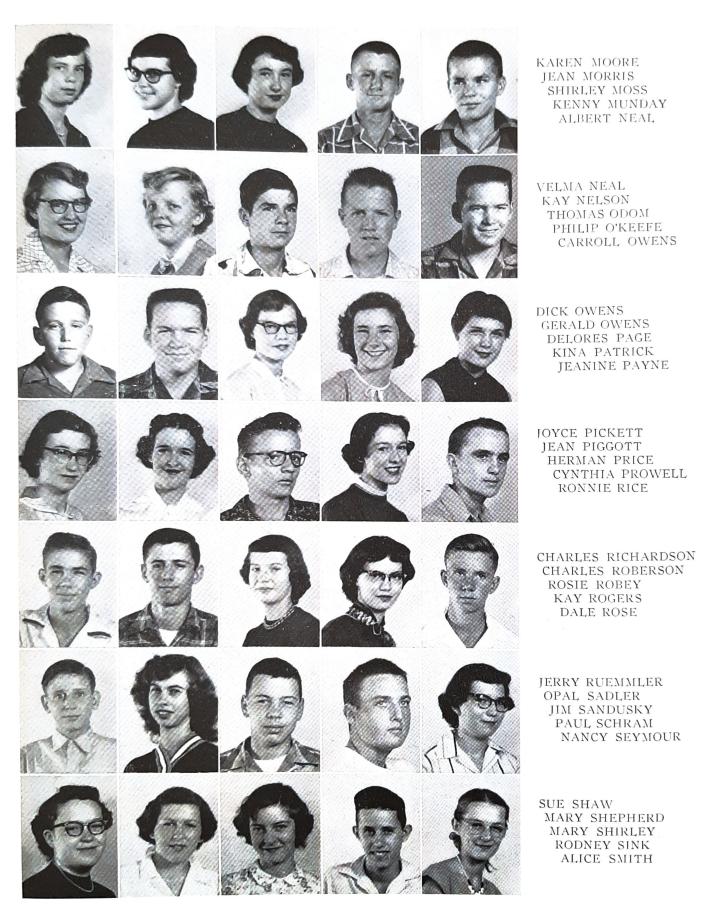
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MARTHANN McCLENDON
TIM McCOLLUM
EARL McCOY
KERMIT McKEMIE

MARY McKINNON FRED MILLER PAT MILLS BILL MONROE JESSE MOORE



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BILL SMITH
DANIEL SMITH
MARTHA SMITH
MARILYN SMOTHERS
MARSHA SMOTHERS

MARVIN SMOTHERS DWIGHT SNEED RALPH SNOOK JAMES M. SNYDER RONALD SOMERS

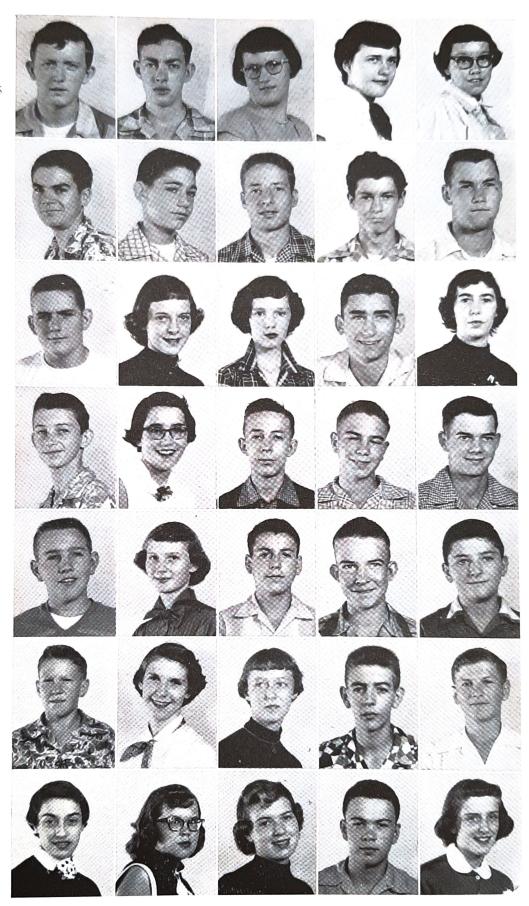
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ARTHUR TAYLOR
BARBARA TAYLOR
BOB TAYLOR
BOBBY TAYLOR
CLYDE TAYLOR

KENNETH TAYLOR
SHARON THOMASON
PATSY THREEWITT
RICHARD TRUSTY
DONALD VAGNER

MARILYN VAUGHN
MYRNA WADE
MARY KELL WALKER
SAMMY WALKER
SONDRA WEIMANN



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JACK WEST
SHARON WEST
WENDELL WHITLOW
JAMES WIGGS
JIM WILKERSON

GARY WILLIAMS
LOIS WILLIAMS
JERRY WINEMILLER
PATTY WINEMILLER
DOROTHY WINGO

DANNY WOODLAND WAYNE WYANT PEGGY YOCUM MARCELLA ZINZILIETA

#### SOPHOMORES WITHOUT PICTURES

Don Bennett Johnny Hobbs Glenford Berrong Nancy Launius Eugene McCluskie Donald Cluck John Cole Charles Rich Linda Conner Pete Rockish Wayne Davis Beverly Smith Bradford Story Avis Dempsey Jesse Duncan Mary Summers Phyllis Yates James Gregg

The Twirlers
Sinkovich, Pearce, Weimann

Big Game

Overturf

That canned beef again!

Apologies to Lynch

Buntin bounces

"Red" Rea

Somers & Coon

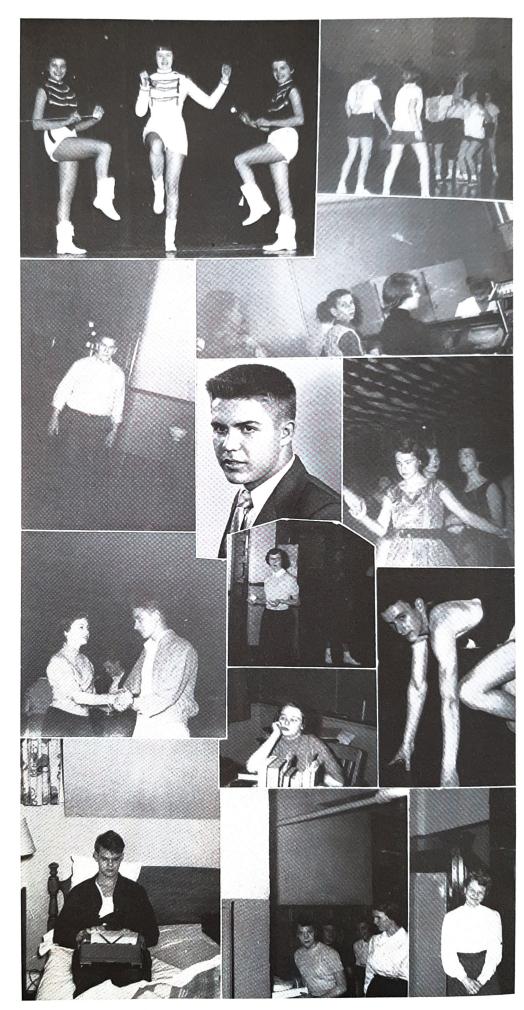
Scarab ed. hard at work

How'd the track team get in here? That's Seibert

Garwood studies in credo

Home room loafers

Phillips



### **FRESHMEN**



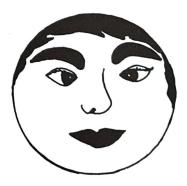
Mr. Rhodes, Robert Dethrow, Dick Simpson, Lois Atteberry, Marvin Ross, Miss Morrison

The class of 1957 found the job of adjusting to the high school routine to be a time-consuming one. After organizing with Marvin "Pete" Ross as president; Robert Dethrow, vice-president; Lois Atteberry, secretary; and Dick Simpson, treasurer; the class selected Miss Etna Morrison and Claude Rhodes as their sponsors and directors for their years in high school.

The class had a party the first semester. They enjoyed refreshments, dancing, and games. Again the second semester a party was enjoyed.

The freshman football team won all its games—a mark not quite matched by the freshman basketball squad.

This class promises to make its mark in B.C.H.S. history.



Phyllis Abbott Leah May Abendroth Jesse Acuff Helen Adams Sandra Akin Sherry Anderson Henry Andrews

Lois Atteberry Charles Bailie Curtis Baldwin Judith Barnfield Linda Barnfield Charlotte Barosik Phil Bauer

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Nellie Bethel
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George Blalock
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Dale Bradley

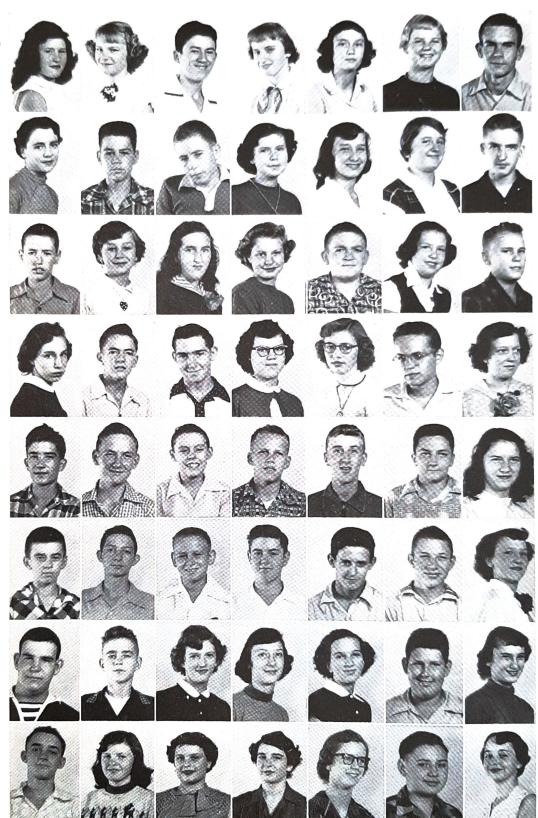
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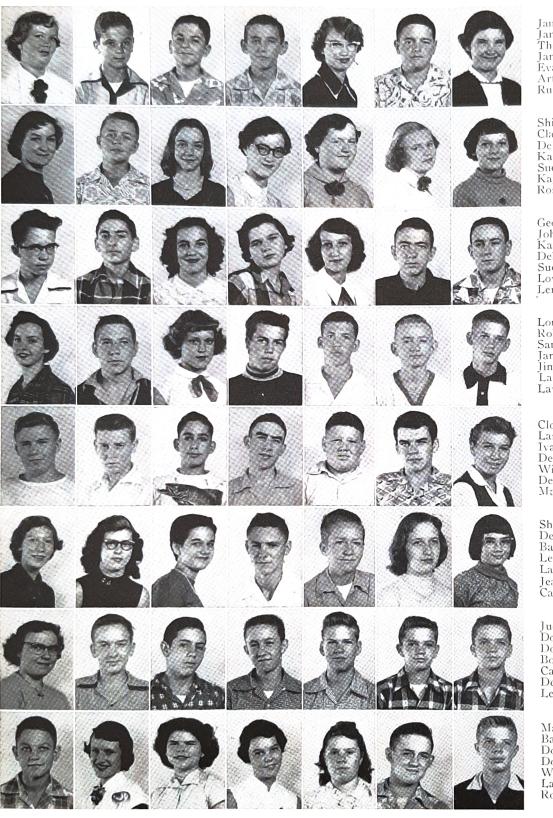
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Gordon Cook Frank Davis Fred Davis Jerry Davis Wayne Davis Robert Dethrow Judith Dillon

Bob Dorris Kenneth Doty Helen Drew Helen Edwards Marlene Edwards Ronald Eyman Judith Ezell

Eddy Falcomata Janet Fields Ellen Flowers Charlene Freeman Judith Freeze Robert Gariepy Betty George





Janett Glover
James Goldwasser
Thomas Goldwasser
James Grahm
Eva Gray
Arthur Grayson
Ruth Ann Gregory

Shirley Gulley Claude Gunter Della Hammonds Karen Hannagan Sue Hargis Kaye Hargrove Roselyn Harris

George Hatchett John Hatchett Katie Hayse Delores Helminski Suc Hester Lowell Hewlett Leroy House

Louise Hungate Robert Jarvis Sandra Jarvis James Edward Johnson Jim Johnson Larry Johnston Lawrence Jones

Cloyd Karnes Larry Kent Ivan Kem Dean King Willis Baker King Deon Kirk Margaret Kolisek

Shelby Kuykendell Delores Lance Barbara Larkin Leon Laswell LaVerne Launius Jeanette Faye Long Carol Lee Longoria

Judith Lucchtefeld
Don Lipsey
Donald Mace
Bobby Martin
Carl Martin
Deon McClerren
Leon McClerren

Max McDonald Barbara McEndree Dolores McGuire Donna McKinnon Wilma McLain Larry Melvin Robert Mick Ruth Ann Miller Jack Millikan Tommy Mitchell Robert Montgomery Betty Moore Terry Moore Johnny Morris

Richard Morton Jim Moss Charles Nagreski Carlos Neal Gloria Neal Maureen Nix Melinda Nix

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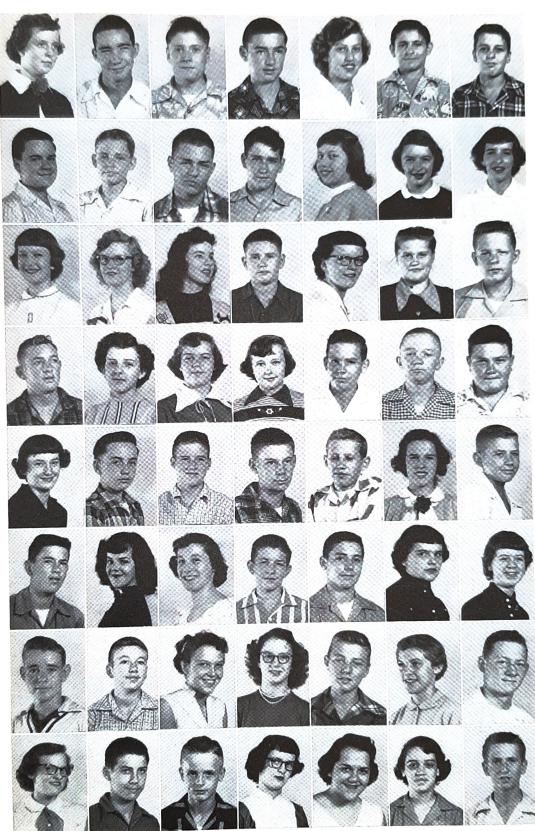
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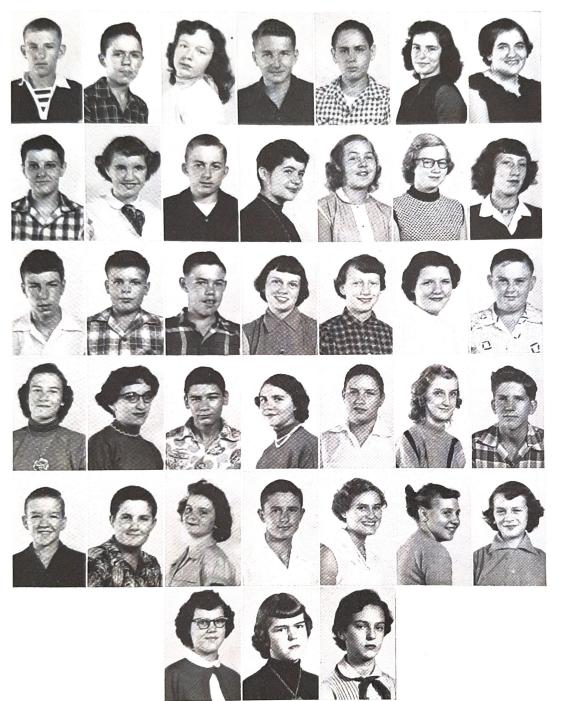
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Keith Sanders Robert Sanders Ruby Sandusky Annette Schram Jere Shaw Janet Simkovich Dick Simpson

Clitie Smith David Smith Dean Smothers Jean Smothers Jeanette Smothers Janice Somers Leroy Spain





Mervin Spillman John Stelzreide Betty Sullivan Fred Summary Fred Summers Juanita Summers Mary Taylor

Gary Thomas Margaret Thomason Allen Twenty Linda VanLeer Shelby Wade Lois Webb Loretta Welch

Jim West Sammy White Bob Whitlow Earla Sue Whittier Carolyn Whittington Barbara Wilcox Jerry Wilcox

Betty Wilkerson Connie Wilkerson Curtis Wilkerson Opal Wilkerson Bill Williams Charlotte Williams Robert Williams

Alan Willis Curtis Woff Judith Woodburn Louis Wozniak Elsie Wyant Alvera Zeboski Glenda Zimbelman

Betty Cockrum Judith Christenson Phyllis Thomann

#### FRESHMEN WITHOUT PICTURES

Jim Atchison Larry Ayres Cleda Mae Cluck Clifford Dahmn Richard Dale Don Grammer Edward Hale
Harry Hamilton
John Hatchett
Bennie Higgerson
Donna Johnson
Fredia Marvel
Elsie Peirson

Betty Pratt
Charlotte Raubach
George Ray
Verlia Ritch
Kipp Sailverne
Harold Shreves
George Spani

Norma Tennison Jackie Terry Charles Walker Basil Whittington Leon Winget Gordon Woods

# Scarab Staff

First Row—Shirley Dillon, David Garwood, Nancy Campbell, John Tedeschi Second Row—Jane Freeman, Dick McGuire, Connie Somers, Bob Eovaldi, Margaret Moss Third Row—Phyllis Upchurch, Joan Phillips, Danny Bain, Suzanne George, Mary Mitchell Fourth Row—Patsy Threewitt, Karen Hartman, Janet Cash, Jean Lewis, Marcella Zinzilieta



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Simkovich, Weimann, Runnels, Davis, N. Abendroth, L. Abendroth, Hand, McKinnon, McKemie, Helminski, Carlton, Lucchtefeld, Jim Smith, Dick Smith, Schram, Clark Auten, Shepherd, Poole, Acuff, Eubanks, Edwards, Cole, Steve Smith, Willis, Mercer, Dougherty, Carter, Eskew, Baldwin, Sanders, Stelzriede, Grezlak, Edwards, W. Davis.

## Band

B.C.H.S.'s band has added that rhymthic zest so much enjoyed at all the home basketball and football games this year; moreover, the band has played at the Friday pep assemblies. Our band represented our high school in the Tri-County Labor Day Parade in Benton and the Rotary Parade in Mt. Vernon.

The band sponsored the annual homecoming

parade and pep program at the theater and participated in the *Echo* Carnival.

Nine representatives were sent to the Southern Illinois Band Clinic in Carbondale, where our representatives also entered the District Solo and Ensemble contests. As a result the band journeyed to Normal, Illinois, for the State Solo, Ensemble, and full organization contests.



David Smith, Bixler, Bird, Miller, Wilson, Clinton, Pearce, Mr. Walter

For 1953-54 the officers of the band were Bennie Edwards, president; Marvin Hand, vice-president, and Annette Dougherty, secretary.

The band's growth musically is traceable to Mr. Walter, whose leadershp has brought about Benton's best band.

Director William C. Walter



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First Row—Pickett, Allen, Gipson, Woodburn, Fryer
Second Row—Bolen, Hargis, Fryer, Barnfield, Campbell, Bobiak
Third Row—Hutchcraft, Suddes, Adams, Moss, Sadler, Vanhorn, C. Vaughn
Fourth Row—Smith, Phillips, Browne, Johnson, Dethrow, Cook, Robey, Moore
Fifth Row—Hatchett, Choisser, Tisdale, Neal, Owens, Moore
Sixth Row—Acuff, Dorchinez, Jones, Parrish, Karnes, Tedrow

#### MADRIGALS

Seated—Rea, DeBartoli, Browne, Mitchell, Peterson, Neal Standing—Stull, Smith

Second semester Tedrow, Tisdale, Aaron, Fred, Choisser, and Allen were added.

#### SEXTET

First Row—Neal, Rea, Browne Second Row—Peterson, DeBartoli, Mitchell





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# Chorus

The chorus started the year's activities by attending the Southern Illinois music clinic at Carbondale.

The annual Christmas Concert was held December 15. Girls Chorus, Madrigals, and Mixed

Chorus participated in the program.

The chorus and band had a contest selling magazines. Because the chorus members lost, they treated the band to a chili supper. The chorus used the money to buy stoles for the mixed chorus robes.

The Madrigals and the sextet have sung many times this year. They have given programs at the Farm Bureau, at the Soil Conservation District Meeting, Rotary Club, Legion Auxiliary, Kiwanis, Elks, Veterans' Hospital, Phi Beta Sigma sorority, Christian Church, and Woman's Clubs.

A small group from the Mixed Chorus sang at the Union Easter Sunrise Services.

The Chorus had several ensemble and solos enter the district contest. The Mixed Chorus went to the State Contest.

Spring Concert was held in April. May the eighth the Chorus went to Carbondale for the May Festival, which is a part of the Chicagoland Music Festival.

The Chorus ended the year by singing at graduation.

#### GIRLS' CHORUS

First Row—Adams, Taylor, Shadle, Kuykendall Second Row—Thomann, Capps, Bonenberger, Wyant Third Row—McKinnon, Drew, Page, Ingram Fourth Row—Smith, McGuire, Vaughn, Neal Fifth Row—Fisher, Beaty, Vanhorn, Edwards

#### BOYS' CHORUS

First Row—Tisdale, Dorchinez, Owens, Shreves, Acuff Second Row—Neal, Karnes, Parrish, Kern, Hatchett, Jones Third Row—Tedrow, Aaron





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#### Movie Projection Club

The Movie Projection Club, sponsored by Mr. Grosco, is a new organization begun in the fall of 1953. The purposes of this club are acquainting the members with the projector and its manipulation. The members have shown movies to classes and clubs at B.C.H.S. as well as other organizations in Benton.

Officers of the club are Bob Gunter, president; Richard Davis, vice-president; Phyllis Thomann, secretary-treasurer.

### Driver Training

A first semester driving student reports, "The automobile didn't arrive until late in October. While waiting for the car, we obtained temporary drivers' permits and studied the book, Sportsmanlike Driving.

"When the car arrived, we started the first action lessons on the Fairground road. The most difficult maneuvering we did was backing the car in a straight line. Only a few backed into a ditch. Many lessons were practiced before the students started highway driving.

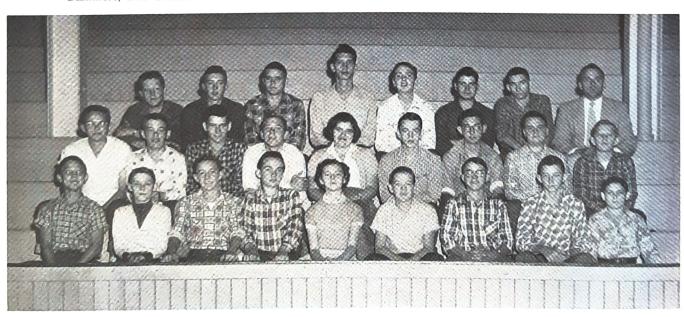
"Neighborhood driving was next, followed by driving around the square, and parking was last. This was definitely the most difficult. Most people did not have much consideration for us new drivers. They would pull out in front of the nervous students, and they would even try very rudely to pass.

"As a class in driving, we learned much observing the driving habits of others."—Mary Kell Walker

First Roze—Max McDonald, John Conner, Bob Martin, Everett Rhine, Phyllis Thomann, Alan Willis, Bill Wilson, Roger Summers, Terry Moore

Second Row-Paul Carr, Bob Whitlow, Carlos Neal, Robert Jarvis, Mary Taylor, Don Thomann, Kenneth Whittington, Richard Morton, George Rice

Third Row-David Perkins, Richard Davis, Bob Gunter, Jim Smith, Murrell Bufford, Kermit McKemie, Jim Summers, Mr. Grosco



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#### Cafeteria

Three shots of the school's cafeteria are presented here. At right the line has formed to enjoy the thirty cent lunch that is possible as a result of the State and Federal School Lunch Program.

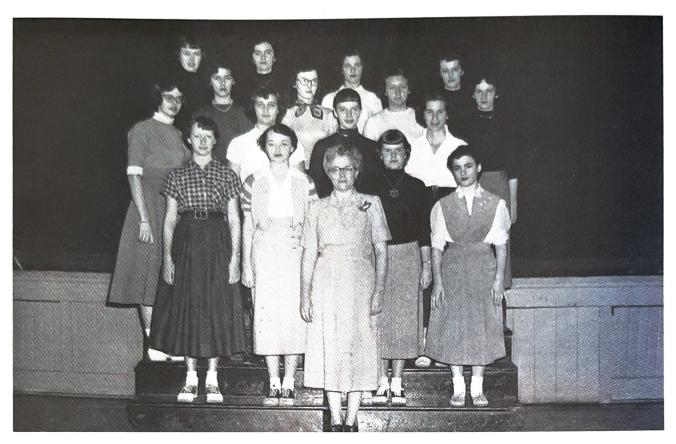
Emerging from the cafeteria are Marilyn Roberson, Marilyn Vaughn, and Marcella Zinzilieta. Well balanced hot meals are provided for the high school student by the cafeteria.

In the lunch room—and some of those fellows actually drink four and five pints of milk!









First Row—Whittington, George, Miss Armentrout, Christenson, Atteberry Second Row—Carlton, Winemiller, P. Starkey, West Third Row—Mitchell, Rae, Fowler, J. Starkey Fourth Row—Pearce, Upchurch, Gunter, Moore

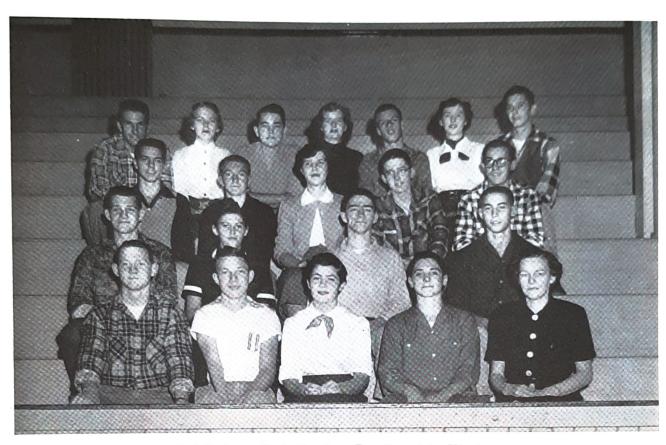
## Hi-Tri

Shirley Dillon, Joy Jackson, Connie Somers, Mary Ann Bryant



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The Hi Tri is an organization to which all the girls in school belong. It is one of the most active groups in school. The following is a list of activities for the year: Freshman mixer, Freshman initiation and tea for freshmen mothers, fall conference at Mt. Vernon, Heart Sister week, Mother-Daughter banquet, and spring conference at Christopher. They decorated the Christmas tree in the main hall and helped with the nativity scene on the lawn. They were also co-sponsors of the spring Hi-Y-Hi-Tri dance. The officers are the following: President, Mary Ann Bryant; Vice President, Connie Somers; Secretary, Joy Jackson; Treasurer, Shirley Dillon; Senior Council: Sharon Gunter, Judy Moore, Sue Pearce, and Phyllis Upchurch; Junior Council: Kay Fowler, Mary Mitchell, Pat Rea, and Jane Starkey; Sophomore Council: Pat Starkey, Pat Winemiller, Sharon West, and Sally Carlton; Freshman Council: Lois Atteberry, Judy Christenson, Betty George, and Carolyn Whittington.



First Row—Dick Simpson, Bob Dethrow, Linda Van Leer, Pete Ross, Miss Kirsch

Second Row—Wendell Whitlow, Mary McKinnon, Bill Monroe, Eddie Fredette

Third Row—Danny Bain, Carrol Bolen, Kay Rains, John Smith, Bill Edmonds

Fourth Row—John Gulley, Mary Ann Bryant, George Cavaness, Annette Dougherty, Bob Eovaldi, Sheral Summers, Bob Doty.

# Student Council

The student council is especially fond of pointing at the Ranger emblem that it provided in the new gym this year. Under their guidance, the class elections were held. The success of the Homecoming festivities can be traced here, also, for the council served as general manager—plus entering a float in the parade. Under Miss Kirsch's direction the council joined the State and National Student Council Associations this year.

#### Key Club

The Key Club is an organization for high school students sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Its general purpose is to teach teen-agers to develop a desire to aid the community and the school. Under the supervision of Jim Lovin, the following officers directed the club's activities this year: Jim House, president; Bill Monroe, vice-president; Fred Summary, secretary.

This year the club decorated the goal posts at homecoming, participated in the *Echo* Carnival and had an organized basketball team which played other clubs at other schools.

First Row—Summary, Bain, House, Goldwasser, Ross. Second Row—Mick, Zeboski, Rhodes, Whitlow, G. Owens.

Third Row—Fredette, Monroe, Rice, Goldwasser, Lovin, Cavaness.

Fourth Row-Bain, Glick, Simpson, Bauer.

# Spanish Club

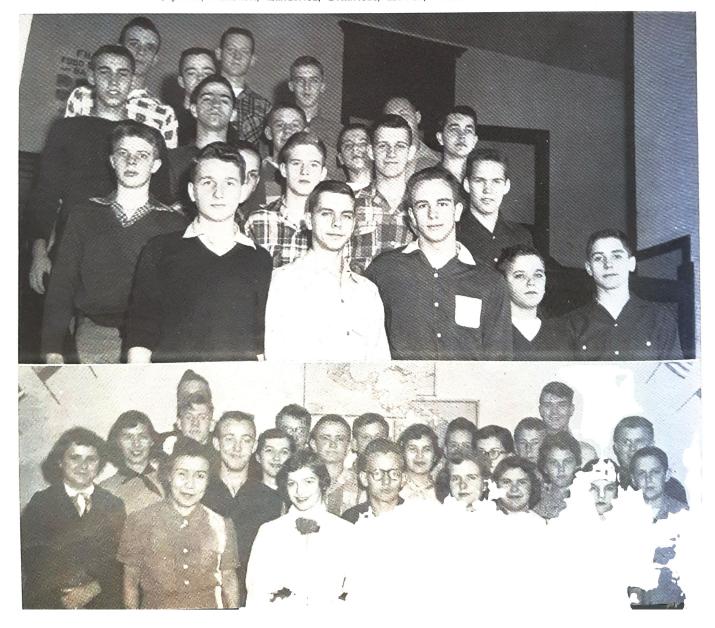
The officers are the following: President, Bill Stull; Vice-President, Barbara Robertson; Secretary, Annette Dougherty; Treasurer, Herman Price.

The Spanish Club under the supervision of Miss Romero meets bi-monthly during homeroom. There is also one night meeting a month for social recreation in Spanish. The purpose of the Spanish Club is to promote the understanding of our Latin-American neighbors.

Some of the activities of the year were the selling of Ranger pins, sponsoring a dance after the basketball game and participating in the *Echo* Carnival by having a pantomime, raffle, and side show. The annual banquet was held April 14, Pan-American Day. Pins and guards were awarded to members who merited them.

The Spanish Club of B.C.H.S. is a member of the state organization, I.F.P.A.L.

First Row—E. Moore, Miss Romero, Robertson, Price, Dougherty, C. Moore, Roach, Clem. Second Row—Mitchell, Burns, Hunt, T. Smothers, Wilson, Hanagan, McKinnon, Karnes. Third Row—Barham, Jones, Hatchett, Landfried, Stelzriede, Howell, Watson.







Scated—Bolen, Dongherty, Overton, Robinson, Price, Miller, First Row—Willis, Humerickhouse, Summers, Pearce, Dillon, Buntin, Woodburn, Williams, Somers, Lewis, Neal, Shadle, Starkey, Richardson, Wilson.

Second Row—Moore, Tedeschi, Doty, Bowman, Carns, Johnson, Smith, Cavaness, Cash, Mayer, Smothers, Summary, Wiggins, Fred Summers.

Seated—Miller, Dillon, Doty, Cavaness, Willis, Robinson.
First Row—Summers, Wheat, Williams, Somers, Neal, Lewis, Shadle.
Second Row—Carnes, Price, Jones.

# Speech Club

The Speech Club was organized in 1951, and it is sponsored by Mr. Miller.

The officers are as follows: president, Sally Robinson, vice president, Lanny Price, secretary, Annette Dougherty, treasurer, Jim Overton.

The Speech Club has presented bi-weekly radio broadcasts over station WFRX. The club has also sponsored the debate team, which has participated in tournaments in Carbondale, Greenville, Mt. Vernon, and West Frankfort.

Several members of the Speech Club have qualified for the National Forensic League. This is one of the highest honors that can come to a speaker.

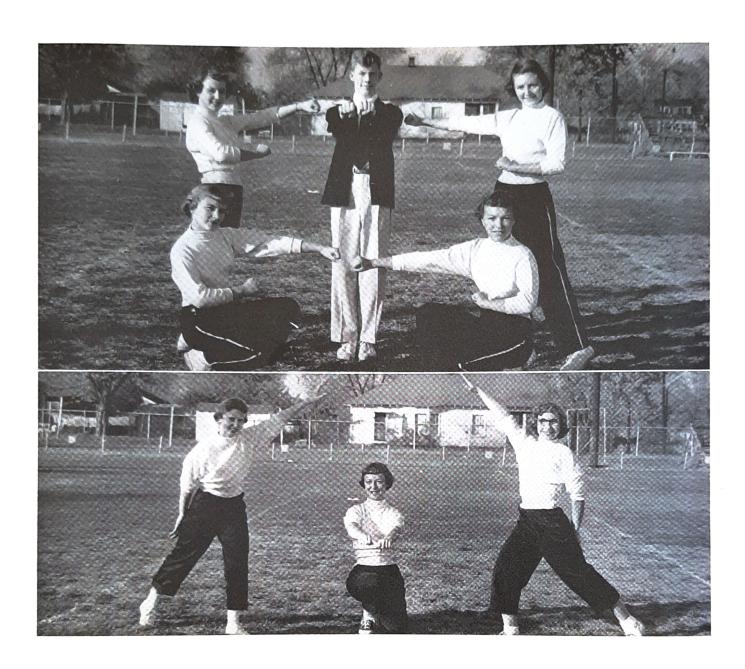
The purpose of this organization is to promote the advancement of all the speech arts,

### Thespians

Membership in the National Thespian Society is limited to those students who have participated in some form of dramatic production.

The Thespian Society is a national organization with troupes in schools all over America. Benton's Troupe is No. 1211 and is sponsored by Mr. Miller.

Officers of the Troupe are as follows: president, Shirley Dillon, vice president, Bob Doty, secretary, George Cavaness, treasurer, Connie Willis.



## Cheerleaders

This year B.C.H.S. had two groups of cheerleaders. At the close of the season, Patsy Threewitt resigned as cheerleader, and Sharon Vanhorn was chosen mascot. The cheerleaders sponsored two dances after the basketball games, and the varsity cheerleaders went to Paris, Illinois, for the Holiday Tournament. The varsity cheerleaders are as follows: Paul Jones, Sharon Braden, Nadine English, Beth Stahlheber, Kay Fowler, Evelyn Sneed, and their mascot, Sharon Vanhorn. The freshman-sophomore cheerleaders are the following: Linda Lampley, Patsy Threewitt, and Connie Link.

#### F. F. A.

Certainly one of the most active and valuable organizations at B.C.H.S. is this club which benefits the students of vocational agriculture.

One of the worth-while features of the club is the educational trips enjoyed by the members. They inspected the DuQuoin State Fair, the Grain and Poultry Show, the Illinois Farm Supply mill, a concrete works, and historical spots in Springfield.

Various contests are held annually—for example—livestock judging, grain and poultry judging, land judging, pest killing, and extemporaneous speaking.

A chicken barbecue, homecoming decorations, and intra-school F.F.A. basketball interested the various members this year.

Another noteworthy project is the distribution of animals (hogs and sheep) to freshman and sophomore members of F.F.A.

Socially the F.F.A. had a Parent and Son banquet and the annual Farmers' Ball.

First Row-Nagreski, Hewlett, Hefner, Clark, Jerry Davis, Grayson, Johnson, Moss, Montgomery, Kent, King, Kern, Richardson,

Second Rote-Kaemper, Odom, Schram, Rice, Overturf, Williams, Jones, House, Browning, Wolfe, Ragan, Pearce.

Third Row—Burnett, Ruemmler, Bishop, Doty, Johnson, Hale, Markel, Sink, Browning, Eskew, Wilkerson.

First Row—Heard, Fowler, Bolen, Bennett, Smith, Kearny, Bolen, Gene Sanders, Mandrell, Wilkerson. Second Row—Barham, Summers, Jerry Barnfield, Upchurch, Whittington, Fields, Duckworth, Wilson, Carroll Sanders, Waller.

Third Row—Finley, King, Scroggins, Tom Richardson, Warren, Charles Richardson, Bob Doty, George Sanders, Taylor, Don Bennett, Cook.





# Youth for Christ and Hi-Y

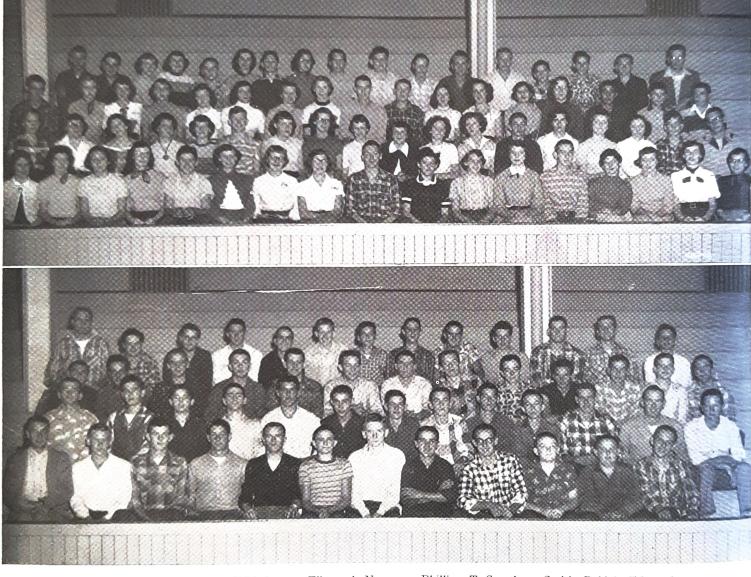
First Row—Freese, Browne, Fowler, Rea, Acuff, Sneed, Neal, Lampley, Edwards, M. McKinnon, Bennett, F. Summers, Miller, Collins, Wheat, S. Summers, Stewart.

Second Row—Wallace, Luetchfeld, Drew, D. McKinnon, Wingo, Jones, J. Kern, J. Freese, McEndrec, J. Dillon, J. Woodburn, Fisher, 1. Kern, Wilkerson, J. Woodburn, Adams, Clark, Waller.

Third Row—Holder, M. Thomason, Edwards, McCann, McBride, P. Whitlington, Sneed, S. Thomason, Bird, Williams, Browning, Legendre, Wilson, Hill, Richardson, Taylor, Owens.

Fourth Row—Spilman, Thomaso, Letherter, C. M. Markey, Charles of London Elach Price.

Fourth Row—Spilman, Thomas, Johnston, Conner, Neal, Hunt, Sneed, Kern, Shepherd, Landfried, Flach, Price, J. Whittington, Hatchett, Browning, Bolen, Mr. Berry.



First Row-Mr. Heinzman, Whittington, Tiberend, Norcross, Phillips, T. Smothers, Smith, Bobiak, Edmonds, Blalock, Wilcox, Zeboski.

Second Row-Moore, Doty, Southern, Monroe, Thomas, Fredette, Brookshire, Skeen, Sanders, Taskoski, Parkhill, Adams, O'Keefe.

Third Row-Adams, Moore, Bryant, Walker, Whitlow, Thornhill, Pearce, M. Smothers, Glick, Sims, Kuykendall, Rhodes, Fletcher.

Fourth Row-Jilek, West, Thomas, Forsythe, Rice, Fisher, Gregg, Dallape, Frost, Summary, Summers, Gulley, Wiggs.

#### Youth for Christ

The Youth for Christ is a Christian organization. It was organized so that the high school students who so desire could have Christian fellowship together. The club has a constitution but is a nondoctrinal organization. The club meets every week during school and every two weeks during the summer vacation. The meetings are held at school and at churches where the club's members attend.

Officers are elected once a year. Its officers this year are as follows: Jerry Whittington, president; Lanny Price, vice-president; Kay Fowler, secretary; Ruth Browne, treasurer; Evelyn Sneed, pianist; Leon Bird, song leader; Judy Freese, reporter. Mr. Berry was the organizer and is the club's counselor.

#### Hi-Y

The Hi-Y is a voluntary club program sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. The Hi-Y welcomes into its membership any student who accepts it purpose and is willing to work with others in carrying it out.

The Hi-Y activities this year were as follows: helped to decorate the gym for the homecoming dance, put up Christmas decorations at the school, co-sponsored the spring Hi-Y-Hi-

Tri dance, operated the public address system for the school, and attended the area Hi-Y meeting at Carbondale.

The officers of the club are the following: Jim Norcross, president; Maurice Phillips, vice-president; Robert Tiberend, secretary; Ted Smothers, treasurer; Jerry Whittington, chaplain; Mr. Heinzman, sponsor.



First Row—Eubanks, Davis, Robinson, Richardson, Bolen, Mayer, Moss, Gunter, McGuire, Moore, Mountain, Pearce, Bryant, Jackson, Taylor, English, Johnson, Buntin, Marquis, Buntin.

Second Row-Cash, Shadle, Starkey, Lewis, Wheat, Collins, Lipscombe, Summers, Dougherty, Summers, Upchurch, Hester, Gifford, Roberson, Jackson, Mitchell, Wilkerson, Miller.

Third Row-Moore, Hamilton, Easter, Thomason, Taskoski, Tasky, Kern, Rea, Rains, Johnston, Campbell, Suddes, Phillips, Barnfield, Heath, Harris, McDonald, Stowers.

Fourth Row-Helminski, Tate, Moore, Todd, Fowler, Clark, Browning, Browning, Hollada, Eskew, Bond, Jones, Hutchcraft, Humerickhouse.

Seated—Miss Thompson, DeAnna Lampley, Historian; Kay Rains, Public Relations Chairman; Jane Starkey, Treasurer; Ruth Ann Bennett. Secretary; Miss Webb.



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The officers and sponsors for the F.H.A. are the following: standing: Sheral Summers, Degrees Chairman; Cecilia Bond, Recreation Chairman; Connie Willis, President; Dorothy Todd, Vice-President; Annette Dougherty, Parliamentarian.



First Row—Taylor, Payne, Starkey, West, Link, Burkett, Lampley, Kern, Summers, Moore, Bobiak, Capps, Page, Long, Kuykendall, Parkerson, Helminski, Thomason, Marvel, Lance, Cockrum, Pemberton, Pilson, Harrawood, Sanders.

Second Row—Bonenberger, Hargis, Fryer, Gipson, Cook, Auten, Thomason, Winemiller, Dorris, McClendon, Embser, Johnson, Williams, Wilkerson, Piggott, Duncan, Summers, Davis, Smith, Nelson, Fisher, Cook, Grav. Fletcher.

Third Row-Blagg, Flowers, Overturf, Smothers, Page, Wingo, Taylor, Roberson, Whittington, Vaughn, Mills, Threewitt. Eaton, Bennett, Moss, Smothers, Rogers, Mandrell, Johnson, Dethrow, Lampley, Atteberry, Briley, Edwards, Poole.

Fourth Row—Pemberton, McBride, Zimbelman, Larkin, Whittier, McCann, Barnfield, Wilkerson, Glover, Miller, George, Simkovich, Prowell, Zeboski, Brookshire, Dillon, Nix, Nix, Rutz, Shepherd, Seymour, Sadler, Legendre, Robey, Somers.

# Future Homemakers of America

The Future Homemakers of America at B.C.H.S. is a very active group. This year Annette Dougherty and Miss Freda Thompson attended the National FHA Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Connie Lipscomb went as a delegate to State Leadership Camp at Bloomington, and Miss Freda Thompson was counselor at State Camp.

Benton is continuing the sponsorship of a Saturday radio program over WFRX.

Dorothy Todd and Connie Lipscomb represented Benton at the District Workshop in Herrin to plan the activities of the year.

During November, National F.H.A. Week was observed with a Family Night climaxing the week's activities.

The highlights of December's activities included a Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale, which was the money making project of the year. Also during December was the Cinderella Ball. Fannie Browning was chosen queen and Ralph Smith, king.

Winter and spring fashion shows were on the calendar of activities also.

Charm Week was observed during the month of January and Jeanine Payne was elected Queen of Charm.

At the annual House of Delegates Meeting, Sheral Summers was elected District II Treasurer.



First Row-Somers, Williams, Dillon, Larkin, Eubanks, Helminski, Hand, Bolen, Willis, Bryant, Summers, Hester.

Second Row-Hunt, Adams, Wayman, Woodard, Robinson, Mayer, Richardson, Davis, Thomason, Taskoski, Tasky.

Third Row-Mr. Williams, Holman, Smith, Conti, Taylor, English, Buntin, Johnson, Todd, Gifford, Marquis, Upchurch.



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Standing-Nadine English, president; Ruth Johnson, treasurer.

Scated—Mrs. Williams; Jean Herbert, secretary; Margie Reed, vice-president; Vida Hill, reporter; Mr. Gray.



First Row—Wilkerson, Dillon, McGuire, Sneed, Roberson, Stewart, Hutchison, Jackson, Vaughn, Mitchell. Second Row—Clark, Cole, Roberson, Hewlett, Bond, Jones, Hutchcraft, Herbert, C. Moore, Hamilton. Third Row—Mr. Gray, McCommons, Heath, Harris, McDonald, Hartman, Johnson, Moore, Reed, Hill, Miller.

### F. B. L. A.

The Future Business Leaders of America is a chapter of the national organization which prepares students for the business world of tomorrow. This year the club toured the telephone office, the Court House, the Farm Bureau Office and the Red Ball Corporation.

For social activities the club had a pot-luck dinner and a picnic. Formal installation and initiation were two of the highlights of the year's activities. Mrs. Williams and Mr. Gray are the sponsors.



Scated—Pearce, Stewart, Freese, Cavaness, Somers, Lewis, Carns.

Standing First Row-Gifford, Hollada, Eubanks, Shadle, Neal, Rains, Peterson, Neal, Phillips, Freeman, George.

Second Row-Thomann, Herbert, Crisp, Gulley, Eovaldi, Doty, Smith, Cash, Smothers.

#### Echo

Here is the organization at B.C.H.S. which publishes our semi-monthly newspaper. Last year subscriptions to the *Echo* were included in the rental fee paid by each student. Such a practice was continued to enable the *Echo* to have a financial independence, which is needed for publication; moreover, it insures each student receiving a copy of our journal.

Miss Ellen Burkhart is the advisor. George Cavaness and Diana Freese served as the coeditors; Connie Somers and Jean Lewis directed the feature department; Don Carns, the sports; Judy Stewart, news.

The other members were Sue Pearce, circulation manager; Bob Eovaldi and Melvin Smothers, sports writers; Kay Collins, Bob Doty, Betty Shadle, feature writers; Jean Herbert, Joan Phillips, Lorene Eubanks, typists; Jane Freeman, Suzanne George, ad solicitors; John Smith, photographer; Pat Hollada, Kay Rains, Phyllis Neal, Velma Neal, Hope Peterson, John Gulley, reporters.

# Girls' Athletic Association

The Girls' Athletic Association, which is sponsored by Miss Mary Lou Pinkham, meets every Tuesday after school to join in various sports and games. Seventy members began the G.A.A. activities by attending the annual Buddy Hike at the Forestry. Initiation was held for the new members on September 23. Play days in Herrin and Royalton were attended in the fall and spring. To raise money the G.A.A. had a booth in the *Echo* Carnival, sold sweatshirts, and entered a car in the Homecoming parade.

-Ramona Simpson, treasurer; Phyllis Wallace, vice-president; Pat Hollada, secretary; Fannie Browning, president; Gloria

First Row—Ramona Simpson, treasurer; Phyllis Wallace, vice-president; Pat Hohada, secretary, Launce Foster, point manager.

Second Row—Zeboski, Smothers, Kolisek, Larkin, Simkovich, Hargrove, Zimbleman, Gulley, Schram, Raubach, Lampley. Third Row—Browning, Overturf, Rea, Woodburn, Bartosik, Webb, Flowers, Stahlheber, Atteberry, Conner, Kuykendall, Thomason, George, Harris, Moore, Miss Pinkham.

Fourth Row—Thomason, Tasky, Whittington, Robertson, Jarvis, Lampley, Gray, Anderson, Briley.

Fifth Row—Robertson, Cole, Easter, Cluck, Mumbower, Biggs, Sandusky.

Sixth Row—Hewlett, Walker, Eskew, Saylor, Bond, Roberson, Dillon, Humerickhouse, Pemberton.

Seventh Row—Smith, Patrick, Clark, Taskoski, Webster, Seymour.



First Row—Wendell Whitlow, Kermit McKemie, Linda Eskew, Sondra Weimann, Marcella Zinzilieta, Miss Armentrout.

Second Row—Bill Monroe, Barbara Cole, Mary McKinnon, Velma Neal, Margaret Moss, Mildred Saylor, Patsy Threewitt, Marilyn Vaughn, Sara Allen.

Third Row—Lanny Price, Don Carns, George Karnes, Pat Mills, Mary Walker.

#### Latin Club

The members of the Latin Club are the students enrolled in second year Latin. The club meetings are held during their regular class period. This year, under Miss Armentrout's supervision, the club observed Saturnalia, a Roman holiday celebrated similarly to our Christmas holiday season. They feasted and exchanged humorous gifts; they are food that the Romans could have had. The club has also interested itself in discussions of famous Roman customers. toms, people, places, and events.



First Row-Forsythe, Sims, King, Seibert, Phillips, Atteberry, Hewlett.
Second Row-Coach Chornak, Jilek, Norcross, C. Doty, McKemie, Eovaldi, Harben, Sanders, Walker, manager.

# **Track 1953**

The Benton track team started off the track season on April 9, 1953, at the county meet. Benton placed fifth, scoring 31 points.

Then in a Triangular Meet held at Christopher, Benton took second. Christopher won the meet and Sesser was third.

Benton entered another Triangular Meet at Sesser on April 23 and took second. Sesser was first, Nashville third.

The eighteen field West Frankfort Relays were entered on April 25. Benton had two athletes who placed in the final events—Joe Atteberry, who was fifth in the broad jump and "Moose" Phillips, who tied for third in the pole vault.

On April 28, Benton traveled to Carbondale for a triangular meet and the victory. This is the first meet Benton has won since 1950. The next day Benton was host in a dual meet to Harrisburg, winning 88½ to 34½.

Benton went to the District Meet on May 8. Bruce Jilek qualified in the 220 yard dash for the State Track Meet by placing second.

Benton's final meet was the Herrin Relays. Benton scored a total of eight points as Centralia won the meet with 73 points.

# Baseball 1953

During the regular season of 1953, the Benton Rangers' baseball team won nine games and lost three. Two of these wins and two of these losses were non-conference games.

The first baseball game of the season saw Benton defeat the Marion Wildcats 3-0. Eddie Rice, pitcher, struck out fourteen men. The next game was played at West Frankfort; the Rangers walloped the Redbirds 12-1. Then on to Harrisburg went the Rangers where they skunked the Bulldogs 10-0. Rice struck out eight men and allowed one hit.

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In the first non-conference tilt, the Rangers trampled the Johnston City Indians 14-4. On April 20 the Rangers resumed conference play, defeating West Frankfort again 9-2. Then the Rangers won three straight—at Christopher, 12-11; at Mt. Vernon, 3-0; at Johnston City, 5-3.

Max Bennett pitched the next game—against Harrisburg—and won 16-6. The next game was with Mt. Vernon. It was a pitching duel with Eddie Rice allowing only two hits and the Rams' pitcher, Lefty Brookman, allowing only four. Final score—Benton 1, Mt. Vernon 0.

During the rest of the season, Benton lost its first conference game to Marion 4-1 and met West Frankfort in the sub-district meet at Johnston City, losing 8-7. This ended the season.

The roster included the following: pitchers—Joe Dunbar, Max Bennett, Paul Grammer, Eddie Rice; infielders—Jack Mills, Randy Rice, James Bolen, Don Eubanks, Earl Bailor, Louis Vietti, Jack Winning, Curtiss Scarborough, Jim Blalock, Don Shaw, Mike Bobiak; outfielders—Otto Briley, Dale Adams, Bob Aaron, Larry Johnson, Jack Briley, Charles Taylor, George Threewitt.

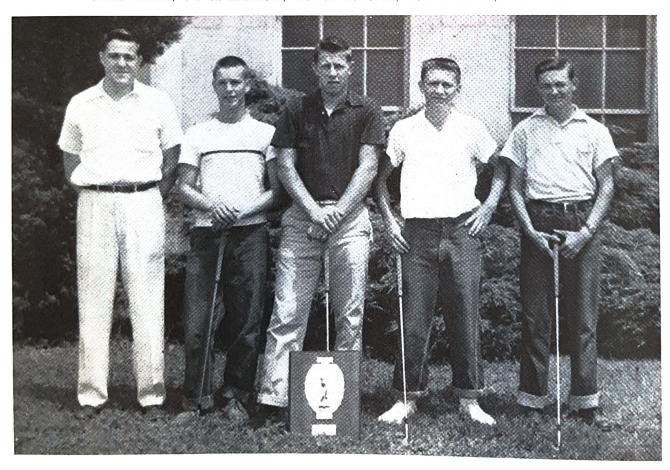
# Golf 1953

The Benton golf team in the spring of '53 won four meets and lost one.

The Benton team won its own district golf meet, defeating West Frankfort. This entitled the Benton team to attend the state meet. This is the first time in the history of the school that Benton has attended a state golf meet.

Benton was defeated in the state meet. Those boys who were out for golf and went to state were Warren McDonald, Dwan Hicks, Vernon Harrelson, and Don Zimbleman. The coach was Ralph Hooker.

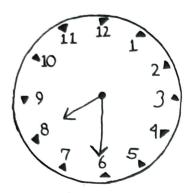
Coach Hooker, Vernon Harrelson, Warren McDonald, Don Zimbleman, Dwan Hicks.



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Shall we dance?



# BENTON AT NIGHT

At night Benton changes from a building of education to one of entertainment. Athletics, parties, operettas, plays, variety shows, dances, and games all go to make up a well-rounded social life for the Benton students.

For dances we have our fifteen centers after the various athletic contests. Each class and various organizations sponsor these dances throughout the year. We have two major ones in the year—the Homecoming Prom and the Junior-Senior Reception. These are the times when the young men don their best, and the young ladies dress up in their frilly new formals.

Parties are frequently banquets since food plays such an important part in the lives of Bentonites. Among these are the Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Hi-Tri; the sports banquets; the F.F.A.'s annual banquet; and the F.H.A.'s affairs.

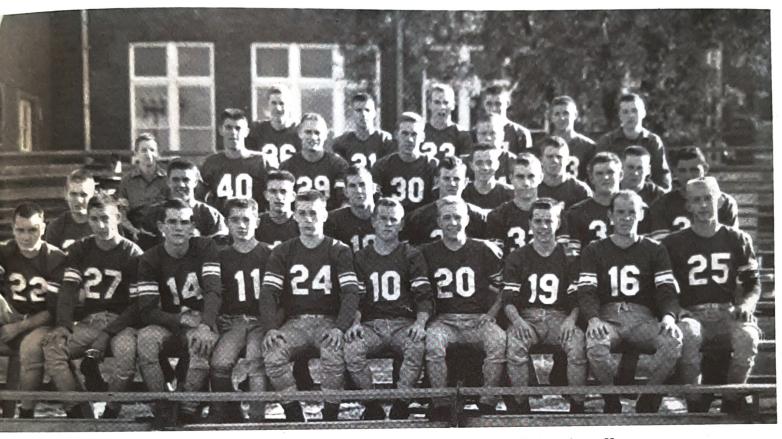
Sports play a prominent part in the life of

every high school. The football and basketball games compose the sporting events held in the evenings. The pride and spirit felt by a Benton student when his team marches on to victory are excelled by none. Color and excitement are added to the games by the band and cheerleaders. The superior ability of our basketball team was evident with the winning of the regional tournament.

In the theatrical field Benton pupils are always kept busy. The junior and senior plays are major productions for the classes who sponsor them. There is grease paint in the blood of the actors for weeks before and after their big moment. An operetta, a variety show, a talent hunt, and a play were sponsored by the music department, the cheerleaders, the juniors, and the F.H.A.

All these activities blend together to form the social life of a Benton student.





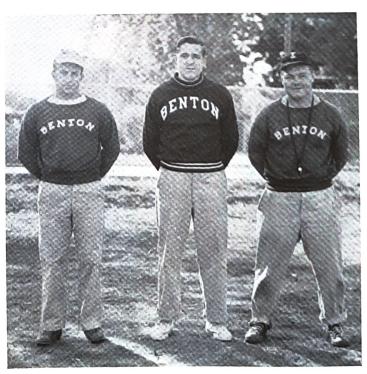
First Row-Kays, Norcross, Tedrow, Southern, Tisdale, Phillips, Atteberry, Bain, Adams, Kern. Second Row-South, Lynch, Seibert, Aaron, Tiberend, McKemie, Wilkerson, Neve. Third Row-West, Thomas, Jilek, Fred, Briley, Glick, Sanders, Overturf. Fourth Row-Parkhill, Eovaldi, Dillon, Fredette, Wilkerson, Walker.

# Football 1953

Jim Lovin's inspiration has put a lot of hard work, time, and cooperation into this year's football squad. He is head football coach and coach of the freshman-sophomore basketball squad.

Ralph Hooker has developed that goal of all fans and coaches—a well-coached fighting basketball team.

Frank Chornak has done an excellent job as head track coach, assistant football coach, and director of the freshman basketball squad.



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The Benton Rangers started the 1953 season on the wrong foot, losing to Carmi there, 26-7.

The second game found the team at Centralia, where they were slaughtered 58-0 by the Orphans.

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 18Benton 7	Carmi 26There
Sept. 25Benton 0	Centralia 58There
Oct. 3Benton 19	Marion 13Here
Oct. 9Benton 12	Belleville 21There
Oct. 16Benton 13	Herrin 25Here
Oct. 31Benton 24	Mt. Vernon 28Here
Nov. 6Benton 7	Salem 19Here
Nov. 11Benton 27	Harrisburg 6Here
Nov. 26Benton 7	West Frankfort 13There
won 3	lost 7tied 0
Conference Recordwon 2	lost 4tied 0

The Rangers finally got on the winning path when Marion came to town. The inexperienced Rangers won 19-13.

All of the next four games were lost by the Rangers. Although spotting the teams almost all of their points the first half, the Rangers would come back strong in the second half. They lost to a young Belleville squad—at Belleville—21-12. Then Herrin played Benton on Tabor Field, and the Tigers defeated the Rangers 25-13. Mt. Vernon visited Benton next. The

Rangers were unable to make their extra points and dropped the contest to Mt. Vernon 28-24. The Salem Wildcats were our next visitors, and Benton lost to them 19-7 in one of the hardest fought games on Tabor Field this year.

When Harrisburg came to town on Armistice Day, Benton got into the win column, 27-6. The Rangers extended their winning streak with a victory over the next visitors—Christopher—59-13, as Carroll Sanders scored six touchdowns.



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The final game of the '53 season was the annual Thanksgiving Day classic with West Frankfort at the West Frankfort stadium. The Rangers fought hard but were overcome as the Redbirds defeated them 13-7.

Three Benton boys—Bruce Jilek, Jim Lynch, and Charles Wilkerson—made the South Seven All Conference second team on defense.

## SOUTH SEVEN CONFERENCE RECORD

	Won	Lost	Tied
Mt. Vernon	5	1	0
Herrin	4	1	1
Centralia	4	1	1
West Frankfort	2	2	2
Benton	2	4	- 0
Harrisburg	2	4	0
Marion	0	6	0



## FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL SUMMARY

The Benton Rangers defeated the Pinckney-ville Panthers in the first game of the 1953 season, in a game at Benton, 20-0.

The second game saw Centralia visit Tabor Field, and Centralia defeated the Rangers 26-13. The Rangers led at half time 13-0, and they gained only 18 yards rushing in the last half.

The Rangers won their next two games—one played at Marion as Benton won 33-0. The next one was at home as they defeated Christopher 26-7.

The next game was played at Herrin. Benton lost to Herrin on a forfeit 1-0. The Herrin coach called his squad off the field in the fourth quarter as the two teams became involved in a squabble. Benton played at Mt. Vernon next. The Rangers lost in a high scoring game 38-21.

Visiting Harrisburg in their eighth game, the Rangers tied the Bulldogs 12-12.

The Benton "B" team helped even the score with West Frankfort as they ran over the Redbirds in a game played at Tabor Field, 33-6.

Pictured to the right are the co-captains of the Rangers' varsity squad—Maurice "Moose" Phillips and Bruce Jilek. In conference play the freshman-sophomore squad won two, lost three, and tied one.

#### FRESHMAN FOOTBALL SUMMARY

The freshman football squad played four games this year, and won all four. They defeated Mt. Vernon 13-6 in a home game.

The next three were away. They walloped Herrin 46-6. Then they defeated Mt. Vernon again 6-0. The final game saw them romp over West Frankfort 51-0.

All four games were conference games.



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First Row—Taylor, Acuff, Goldwasser, Goldwasser, Bailey, Ross, Rice, Mace, McDonald, Roach, Rhodes, Monroe.

Second Row—Walker, Spillman, Bauer, Bishop, Dorris, Jarvis, Neal, Owens, West, Roberson, Simpson, Coach Chornak.

Third Row-Bain, Hewlett, Conner, Owens, Sandusky, Fletcher, Snooks, Melvin, King, Nagreski, Whitlow.

## FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL—1953

Sept. 21       Benton 20         Sept. 28       Benton 13         Oct. 5       Benton 33	Pinckneyville 0		
Oct. 12       Benton 26         Oct. 19*       Benton 0         Oct. 26       Benton 21	Christopher 7		
Nov. 2 Benton 12  Nov. 9 Benton 33  *forfeit won 4	Harrisburg 12		
FRESHMAN FOOTBALL			
Oct. 7       Benton 13         Oct. 15       Benton 46         Oct. 28       Benton 6         Nov. 4       Benton 51         (All Conference games)       won 4	Mt. Vernon 6       Here         Herrin 6       There         Mt. Vernon 0       There         West Frankfort 0       There         Lied 0       Tied 0		



First Row—Shaw, McGuire, managers; Phillips, Wertz, Sanders, Barnfield, Grammer, Waller, Bennett, Atteberry, Zimbleman, Wilkerson, West, manager.

Kneeling—co-captains Harben (left) and Johnston and Coach Hooker.

# Basketball 1953-54

Eldorado	30	Benton	49
Christopher3	39	Benton	58
Galatia		Benton	69
*Harrisburg		Benton	58
*Herrin	57	Benton	
*West Frankfort 3		Benton	
McLeansboro7		Benton	
*Marion		Benton	54
*Mt. Vernon		Benton	45
Johnston City(	52 (OT)		
*Harrisburg	13	Benton	
*Mt. Vernon	15	Benton	13
Carmi	59	Benton	55
*Centralia		Benton	54
DuQuoin	50	Benton	58
Zeigler	6 <b>7</b>	Benton	81
*Marion	56	Benton	69
*Centralia	71	Benton	51
*West Frankfort	44	Benton	52
*Herrin	58	Benton	47
*Conference games	;		
	W	on 20	lost 9
Conference Record	lw	on 6	lost 6

Benton won the first four games and lost the fifth game to Herrin, 57-48. Benton beat West Frankfort, 66 to 56, and lost to McLeansboro, 72 to 66.

Benton entered the Paris Holiday Tournament and was defeated by Paris, 70-57, in the championship game.

Benton then defeated Marion and lost to Mt. Vernon. Then the Rangers won the next two games before entering the Christopher Tournament.

Benton then lost three straight—one to Mt. Vernon, 15-13; one to Carmi, 59 to 55; and to Centralia, 75-54.

Benton again got on the winning path by taking the next three games. They then lost to Centralia again, 71-51. After beating Frankfort for the second time, 52-44, the Rangers lost to Herrin, 58-47.

In the Regional Benton defeated Sesser, 57-42; Carrier Mills, 47-45; and West Frankfort for the third time, 59-56. This is the first Regional Tournament Benton had won since 1936, and winning entitled them to play in the Sectional at West Frankfort.

# Freshman-Sophomore '53-'54

Benton50	Eldorado43
Benton75	Christopher42
Benton88	Galatia63
*Benton52	Harrisburg75
*Benton50	Herrin58
*Benton49	West Frankfort46
Benton43	McLeansboro46
*Benton35	Marion73
*Benton35	Mt. Vernon62
Benton47	Johnston City55
*Benton63	Harrisburg50
*Benton47	Mt. Vernon68
Benton50	Carmi53
*Benton46	Centralia80
Benton48	DuQuoin56
Benton76	Zèigler66
*Benton61	Marion62
*Benton64	Centralia77
*Benton53	West Frankfort62
*Benton54	Herrin71
*Denotes conference	games.

won 6

Conference Record .....won 2

The young Rangers won the first three games and then lost the next two to Harrisburg, 75-52; and Herrin, 58-50.

Benton beat West Frankfort, 49-46, but proceeded to lose the next four games.

The next game was with Harrisburg, which the Rangers won, 63-50; however, they repeated their past performance and lost the next four.

They defeated Zeigler 76 to 66 but lost to Marion, 62-61; to Centralia, 77-64; West Frankfort, 62-53; and Herrin, 71-54.

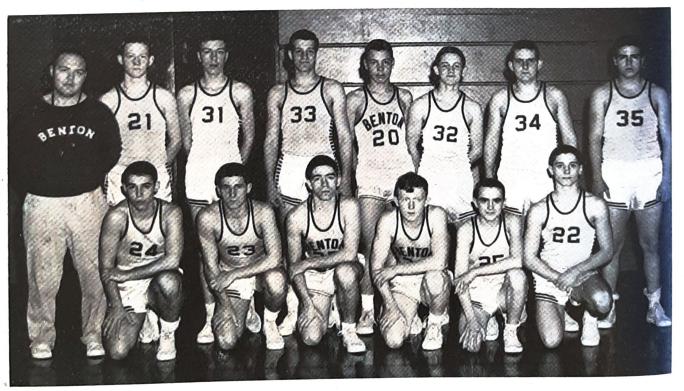
The freshman-sophomore squad finished the season with a six won and fourteen lost record.

First Row-Fredette, Wilkerson, Monroe, Smith, Rice, Ross.

Second Row-Coach Lovin, Simpson, West, Whitlow, Sandusky, Melvin, South, Hewlett.

lost 14

lost 10



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Fightin' Rangers Place Second at **Benton Squeezes** Paris Tournament By Bulldog, 58 to 57, in Overtime Rangers Play Best Game of Year As They Edge Past Marion, 54-53 Phillips Leads Way ngers Edged by rrin, 57 to 48 As Rangers Tromp Harrisburg, 64-43 Benton Runs Over Redbirds, 66-56 angers Coast in Over Galatia, 9-62, in Third Game of Season



# Varsity Tournaments

PARIS	HOLIDA	AY TOURNE	$\overline{X}_{\omega}$
Benton	54	Albion	45
Benton	42	Athens	39
Benton	45 (O'	Γ) Monmouth	44
Benton	57	Paris	70
Championshi	p—Paris,	first; Benton,	second.
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Benton	78	Christopher	55
Benton			53
Championshi	p—Bentor	1.	7.14.



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# REGIONAL

Benton57	Sesser42			
Benton47	Carrier Mills45			
Benton59	West Frankfort56			
Winner—Benton.				
CECTIONAL				

#### SECTIONAL

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Benton	35	Pinckneyville	53

# Freshman Schedule '53-'54

ricommun D	enedule 33 - 34		
*Benton58	West Frankfort75		
*Benton43	Herrin48		
*Benton40	Mt. Vernon47		
Benton54	Eldorado53		
Benton64	Carbondale45		
*Benton47	Herrin53		
*Benton47	Mt. Vernon43		
*Benton55	West Frankfort56		
*Benton56	Harrisburg61		
*Benton52	Harrisburg61		
Benton56	Eldorado43		
Benton64	Carbondale58		
*Denotes conference games.			
Conference Record .	won 1 lost 7		
	won 5 lost 7		

# BIG SEVEN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

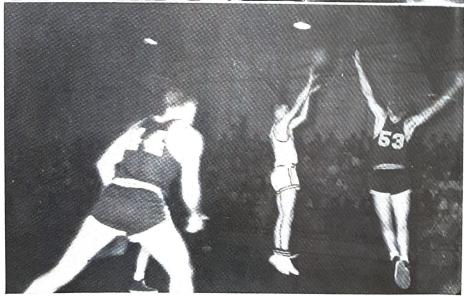
	Won	Lost
Mt. Vernon	. 10	2
Herrin	. 9	3
Centralia	. 7	5
Marion	. 7	5
Benton	. 6	6
West Frankfort	. 3	9
Harrisburg	. 0	12

# FRESHMAN BASKETBALI, SUMMARY—'53-'54

The young Rangers, lacking experience, played very good ball throughout the season. In the years to come they should be winning quite a few games. The freshmen are coached by Frank Chornak.









Betty George Linda Van Leer

Mary Walker Pat Starkey

Kay Fowler

Jane Freeman

Mary Ann Bryant Sue Pearce

# HOMECOMING

Nadine English was chosen by the football squad to reign as Homecoming Queen at the annual Thanksgiving dance. She was escorted to the throne by the football captains, Maurice "Moose" Phillips and Bruce Jilek after the throne was vacated by the retiring queen, Antoinette Paulavish.

The crowning of the queen climaxed the entrance into the beautifully deco-

rated gym of the attendants and their escorts, who were senior members of the football squad.

The queen's attendants were chosen by the student body, two representing each class—seniors, Sue Pearce and Mary Ann Bryant; juniors, Jane Freeman and Kay Fowler; sophomores, Pat Starkey and Mary Kell Walker; freshmen, Linda Van Leer and Betty George.



Queen Nadine English



Tedrow, George; Briley, Starkey; Tiberend, Fowler; Eovaldi, Pearce; Captain Phillips, Queen Nadine English, Captain Jilek; Bryant, Tisdale; Freeman, Fred; Walker, Norcross; Van Leer, Aaron.

# Junior and Senior Plays

Inner Willy was presented as the senior play by that class on May 1, 1953. The play was directed by John R. Miller with the assistance of the class sponsors, Miss Ewing and Mr. Smith, and Kirby Browning, student teacher.

In the picture are—seated, Shirley Acuff, Kathleen Phillips, Mary Lou Browning, Suzanne Eovaldi, Miriam Whaley, Freeman Schrodt; standing—Dorothy Tucker, Frank Barnfield, and George Ross. Also in the cast were Ralph Smith and Connie Harris.



The junior class presented *People Are Funny*, adapted from Art Linkletter's famous radio series, on November 20, 1953. John R. Miller was the director. The cast included: seated—Paul Jones, Don Carns, Kay Rains, Betty Shadle, Jean Lewis, Ted Smothers, Richard Wiggins; standing—Lanny Price, Judy Stewart, Doris Barnfield, Mary Taskoski, Jane Freeman, Mary Tasky, Karen Hartman, Jane Starkey, Phyllis Neal, Gloria Foster, Pat Hollada, George Owens, John Smith.



First Row-Melody Hall, Sheral Summers, Shirley Johnson, Marilyn Goss, Dorothy Tucker. Second Row-Mary Lou Browning, Miriam Whaley, Ruth Summers, Kay Rains.

# "Little Women"

On Thursday night, February 26, 1953, the Future Homemakers of America presented their annual play entitled *Little Women*. The play was different in that there was an all-girl cast. The costumes and the settings were of the Civil War period. Miss Mary Webb and Miss Freda Thompson were the F.H.A. sponsors, and Miss Ellen Burkhart was the play director.

The cast was as follows: Meg, Sheral Summers; Jo, Marilyn Goss; Amy, Melody Hall; Beth, Dorothy Tucker. Mrs. March, or "Marmee" was played by Shirley Johnson. Also in the cast were Kay Rains, Mary Lou Browning, Miriam Whaley, and Ruth Summers.



Linda Van Leer Marvin Ross Janet Cash Danny Bain

Mary Kell Walker
Danny Woodland
Betty Williams
Dick Harben

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the ideal choice for the Scarab King and Oucen.

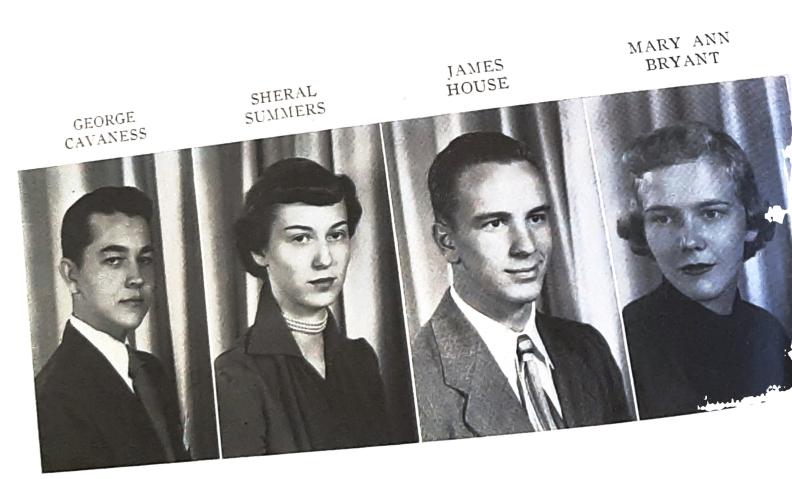
The attendants were also selected by their classmates. Representing the freshman class are Linda Van Leer and Marvin Ross; the sophomore class, Mary Kell Walker and Danny Woodland; the junior class, Janet Cash and Danny Bain; the senior class, Betty Williams and Dick Harben.



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Snapshots from the 1953 Reception

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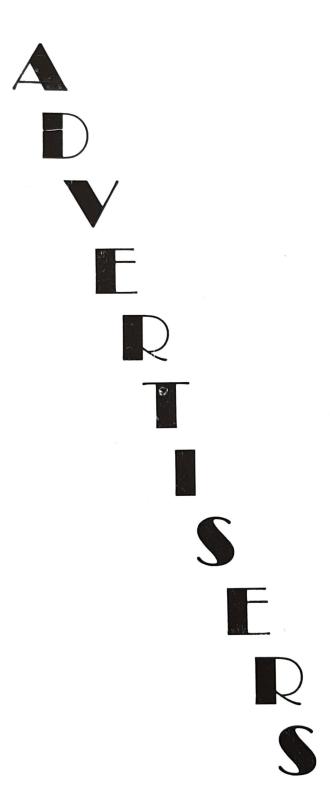
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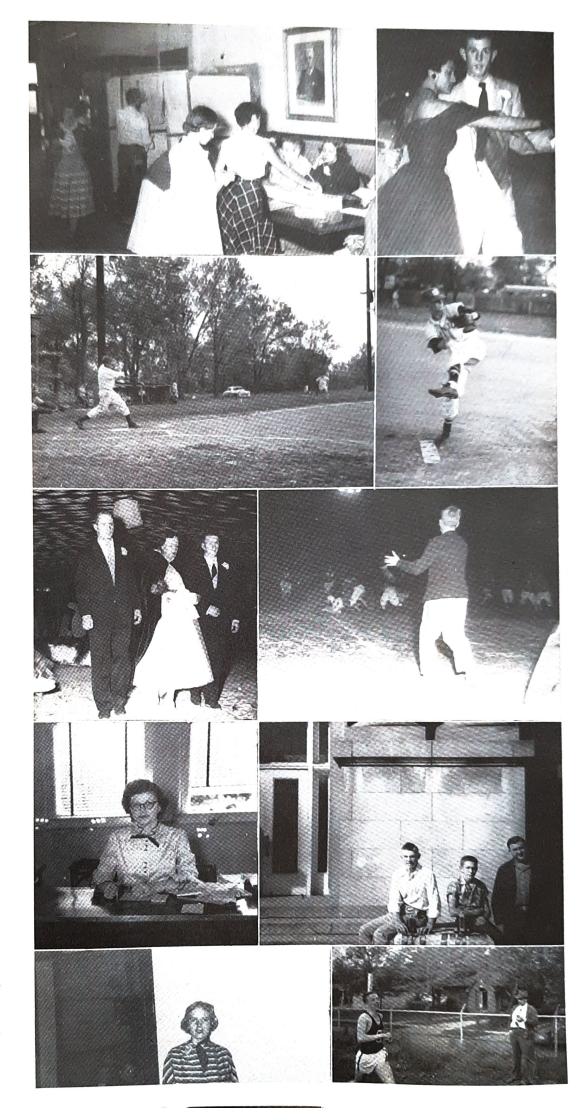
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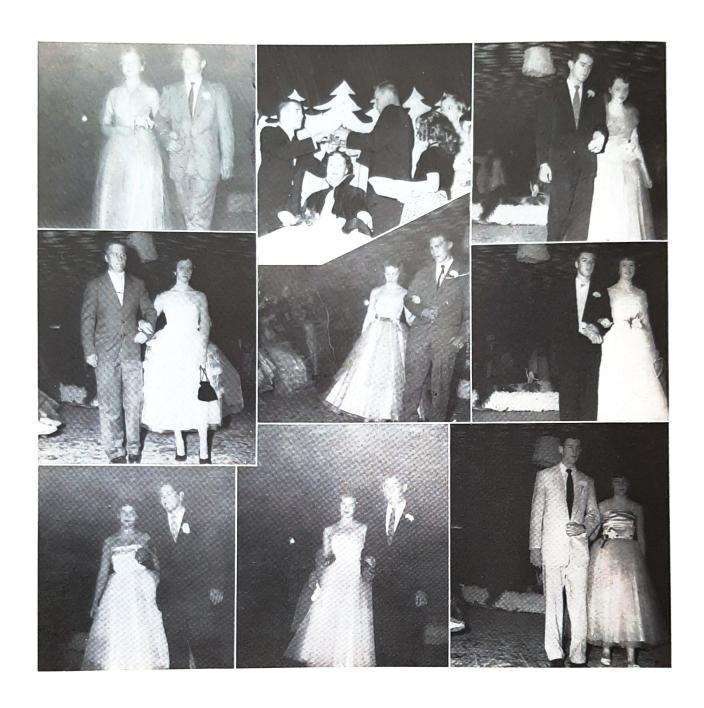
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